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Kerala moves SC against Governor again

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Kerala government on Wednesday moved the Supreme Court for the second time against Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, accusing him of trying to "defeat the rights of the people" of the State by indefinitely sitting on several crucial Bills, especially those addressing post-COVID public health concerns.

The State, represented by advocate C.K. Sasi, said the arbitrary show of lack of urgency by the Governor violated the fundamental right to life of the people of Kerala.

"The conduct of the Governor in keeping Bills pending for long and indefinite periods of time is manifestly arbitrary and also violates Article 14 (right to equality) of the Constitution. Additionally, it defeats the rights of the people of the State of Kerala under Article 21 (right to life) of the Constitution, by denying them the benefits of welfare legislation enacted by the State Assembly," the State said.

Arif Mohammed Khan

The 461-page special leave petition appeals a Kerala High Court judgment delivered on November 30 last year, which refused to fix a time limit for the Governor to deal with Bills presented to him under Article 200 of the Constitution.

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BWSSB ordered to utilise 24 tmcft of Cauvery water for Bengaluru, surrounding areas

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has issued an order to utilise 24 tmcft of Cauvery water annually for catering to the drinking water needs of Bengaluru city and its surrounding areas.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds the Water Resources portfolio, held a meeting with the Karnataka's legal team in the national capital and said the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) should utilise 24 tmcft of Cauvery water for drinking purposes of Bengaluru.

Earlier, the board was utilising 18 tmcft of Cauvery water, says Shivakumar

Drinking water

Speaking to presspersons, Mr. Shivakumar said in 2018, the Supreme Court had stipulated that 24 tmcft of water can be used for drinking water purposes in Bangalore. "But till now no one has taken any action in this matter," he said. Currently, the BWSSB is utilising 18 tmcft of water.

Noting the growth of Bengaluru on all fronts, Mr. Shivakumar said planning should be made keeping in mind the growth of the city in the next 20 years.

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G-7 meet appeals for humanitarian pauses in Gaza

Foreign Ministers who met in Tokyo seek the release of hostages and a return to a 'broader peace process', offer to draw up long-term solutions

Reuters
TOKYO

G-7 Foreign Ministers on Wednesday called for humanitarian pauses in the Israel-Hamas war to let aid in and help the release of hostages and sought a return to a "broader peace process", as Israeli forces continue to strike the Gaza Strip.

Winding up a two-day meeting in Tokyo, the Group of Seven wealthy nations said in a joint statement that Israel had the right to defend itself, while underscoring the need to protect civilians and to comply with international humanitarian law.

"The G7 members are committed to ... prepare sustainable long-term solutions for Gaza and a return to a broader peace process in line with the internationally agreed parameters," the statement said.

"... We support humanitarian pauses and corridors to facilitate urgently needed assistance, civilian movement and the release of hostages."

The meet emphasised on protecting civilians as Palestinians flee to the southern Gaza Strip to escape Israeli strikes. AP

The Ministers shared the view that "a two-state solution... remains the only path to a just, lasting, and secure peace".

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EMMANUAL YOGINI

Maxwell's Miracle in Mumbai — the greatest ODI innings ever?

What the Australian did at the Wankhede on Tuesday night defied belief; it still does, a day later. It will, years later. It was one of the greatest solo acts in cricket ever and was made possible by his captain Pat Cummins, who is turning into the best non-striker in world cricket

CRICKET

P.K. Ajith Kumar

THE GIST

- Maxwell had scored a 40-ball hundred — a World Cup record — at New Delhi's Arun Jaitley's Stadium against the Netherlands a week earlier
- He had to miss the match against another familiar rival, England, because of a freak accident, as he fell from a golf cart and suffered a concussion
- Fortunately for Australia, he recovered from the injury in time for the Afghanistan game

Sometimes a work of genius surfaces that blows the mind, numbs the senses.

Like *Pather Panchali*, Satyajit Ray's debut film. Who would have thought an untrained or inexperienced crew – headed by the director himself – and a bunch of mostly amateur actors, braving financial woes, would make one of the masterpieces of world cinema?

One of the biggest compliments to Ray was paid by Akira Kurasawa, a legendary filmmaker himself: "Not to have seen the cinema of Ray means existing in the world without seeing the sun or the moon."

Not to have seen Glenn Maxwell perform the Miracle in Mumbai is a bit like that, if you are a cricket fan. What he did at the Wankhede defied belief on Tuesday night. It still does, a day later. It will, years later. Maxwell's 201 not out off 128 balls against Afghanistan has to be the greatest ODI innings of all time. There have, of course, been some incredible knocks that have stood the test of time in the 4695 ODIs played before that over the last five decades.

Kapil Dev's 175 against Zimbabwe in 1983 – it remains the innings that changed cricket forever – Viv Richards' 189 not out (vs England, 1984), Saeed Anwar's 194 (vs India, 1997), Herschelle Gibbs' 175 (vs Australia, 2006), Sachin Tendulkar's 143 (vs Australia, 1998), Steve Waugh's 120 not out (vs South Africa, 1999), Ricky Ponting's 140 not out (vs India, 2003), A.B. de Villiers' 149 (vs West Indies in 2015), Kevin O'Brien's 113 (vs England, 2011), Martin Guptill's 237 not out (vs West Indies, 2015), Rohit Sharma's 264 (vs Sri Lanka, 2014)...

The list is exhaustive, and there is in fact more, but still Maxwell's heroics would take some beating. One had the good fortune of watching him score a 40-ball hundred live at New Delhi's Arun Jaitley's Stadium against the Netherlands a week earlier. That was one of the most astounding displays of batting in recent times. He had come to the crease only in the 40th over and after getting to his fifty off 27 balls – with a stunning six off Bas de Leede over point reversing his stance – he reached his second off 13, breaking the World Cup record for the fastest hundred.

After his 24-ball 41 helped Australia beat trans-Tasman rival New Zealand, he had to miss the match against another familiar rival, England, because of a freak accident, as he fell from a golf cart and suffered a concussion. Fortunately for Australia, he recovered from the injury in time for the Afghanistan game.

After posting victories over England, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, no side could take Afghanistan lightly in this World Cup, with its established, quality bowling attack and an improving batting line-up. A maiden World Cup hundred for the country, from the bat of opener Ibrahim Zadran, helped Afghanistan reach a rather competitive 291 for five.

That score soon looked even more daunting when Australia slid to 49 for four, 69 for five, 87 for six and 91 for seven. The situation wasn't dissimilar to the India-Zimbabwe game at Tunbridge Wells 40 years ago.

In Mumbai, the ball was swinging. It was spinning, too. And the threat from Rashid Khan was far from over.

If 11 overs remained when he walked out to bat in the Netherlands game, this time around, there were still nearly 42 overs left. So Maxwell could afford to get his eye in and preserve his wicket, and for much of the first half of his innings, he was barely scoring at a rate of run-a-ball.

He was dropped twice and then a DRS overturned the lbw decision against him.

> Maxi was out of this world
>
> **CUMMINS**
> Australia skipper

He had begun his walk back to the dressing room when it emerged that the ball from Noor Ahmad was going over the stumps. Before all that, Maxwell had edged the hat-trick ball from Azmatullah Omarzai, but it did not carry to the 'keeper. It was as if the elements were conspiring to set the stage for a masterpiece. If the spectacular theatre – that sport sometimes is – needed more drama, it came in the form of the full-body cramps to Maxwell.

He wreathed in pain. He walked, or hobbled for runs. He could not move his feet, but he did not need to, he could play the ball whither he wanted to, standing.

He needed extensive attention from the physio, and he even contemplated retiring hurt. But when he was told by the physio that it would be hard for him to come back down the stairs, he stayed on. There was still a job to be done.

He finished it off in style, too. He was on 195 when five were required, so he predictably hit a six, depositing Mujeeb Ur Rahman – the man who dropped his easier catch – into the stands beyond the mid-wicket boundary. Mind you, he is someone who cares for records like the fastest hundred, and he even counts the balls he faces; he had said as much after Australia's win against the Netherlands.

After pulling off probably the World Cup's biggest heist, up went Maxwell's hands in the air, the bat – which was more of magic wand – in his left hand.

There was a sense of contentment in his smile. Maybe there was a sense of disbelief, too. It was one of the greatest solo acts in cricket ever, yes. But, that was made possible by Maxwell's captain Pat Cummins, who is turning into the best non-striker in world cricket.

Cummins made 12 not out off 68 balls, while adding 202 for the unfinished eighth wicket with Maxwell. Against the Netherlands too, he had made 12 not out, off nine balls, in the 103-run partnership for the seventh wicket.

After watching the Maxwell magic from the best seat in the house, Cummins said it was the greatest ODI innings ever.

But, while referring to the chances that came his way, Maxwell said, "I was very lucky."

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Bengalureans make a beeline for Hosur to buy firecrackers

Attibele, where a fire at a cracker godown led to the death of 17 people, is bereft of the usual activity ahead of Deepavali; police say they are ensuring strict implementation of the ban on non-green firecrackers in the State

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

The otherwise frenzy pocket of Attibele on the outskirts of Bengaluru is bereft of activity ahead of this Deepavali with the Karnataka government strictly enforcing the ban on the sale of conventional firecrackers in the State. This has turned out to be beneficial for wholesalers and retailers selling crackers along Hosur Road on the Tamil Nadu side of the border.

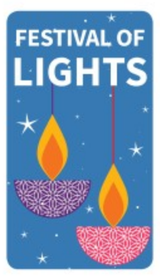
Not a single stall has come up at Attibele, located near the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border on the southern outskirts of the city, where a fire in a cracker godown on October 8 led to the death of 17 people. To avoid the recurrence of such an incident, the government has stepped up enforcement of the ban on the sale of non-green crackers. Usually, in the run-up to Deepavali, people from the city travel up to Attibele to purchase crackers as the prices are lower here when compared with that in the central business district areas of Bengaluru. The wholesalers here purchase crackers from Sivakasi in Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu in bulk and sell them.

Brisk sales: People from Bengaluru are thronging Hosur to buy firecrackers as not a single stall has come up at Attibele.

Business thriving

Just about 100 to 200 metres away from across the Karnataka border, business is thriving, with people from both Hosur and Bengaluru coming to make purchases. In about 40-70 stalls opened along the service road both green and conventional crackers are available. The wholesalers claim that crackers in the boxes labelled with green are environment friendly and others are conventional ones. The demand for green crackers is more from customers hailing from Bengaluru. The wholesalers are also struggling to meet the demand as the supply this Deepavali has been hit due to fire accidents.

Abhinaya Kannan of Sree Kalaimagal Traders, who is also the wife of the president of the Hosur Firecrackers Traders' Association, told *The Hindu* that the footfall this season was more than expected. On Sunday, the area recorded a massive crowd and for more than five hours the service road witnessed traffic snarls. "People coming from our side (Tamil Nadu) were parking their vehicles on the Karnataka side of the border, while Bengalureans also arrived in large numbers. Many shops found it difficult to cater to the demand," Ms. Kannan said. She said that with shops closed at Attibele, the crowd may further go up, but people are still confused if they can carry crackers into Karnataka crossing the border checkpost or not.



Surveillance

Bengaluru Rural Superintendent of Police Mallikarjun Baldandi said that people can carry green crackers from Hosur for domestic purposes and those who carry in bulk have to furnish their licence to the police at the border. "The police deployed at the checkpost will check whether the crackers are green or conventional one before allowing them," he said.

Not just at Attibele, the government has not allowed opening of stalls selling conventional crackers anywhere else in the State too, he said and added that the police were ensuring strict implementation of the ban.

Supply hit

Nandini K., a salesperson at a stall, said fire accidents at two manufacturing units in Sivakasi and at the Attibele godown had hit the supply hard to an extent that "running crackers" such as shots and garland crackers, which are manufactured during Deepavali, have gone out of stock. "We had to send customers back as we were unable to cater to the demand," she said.

S. Murugan, another wholesaler, said the business was expected to improve further this weekend, especially on Saturday, on the eve of the festival.

"Many shops here have placed a demand at factories in Sivakasi and we are hoping that the manufacturers will meet our demand," he said.

Wholesalers selling conventional firecrackers are doing business in the fear of raids from Tamil Nadu police and refused to speak to the media.

Prices skyrocket

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The prices of firecrackers have gone up drastically this year. Sellers blame it on the stringent enforcement of norms and the Tamil Nadu police raids on cracker factories in Sivakasi after fire accidents earlier this year.

Abhinaya Kannan of Sree Kalaimagal Traders said the price of crackers manufactured during Deepavali had surged by 30%. While the demand is high, the supply has taken a hit, resulting in an increase of prices.

For instance, a box of single shot multicolour sky shot cracker (conventional) which usually costs ₹4,000, now costs ₹5,200. But this has not discouraged people from buying crackers as this is once-in-a-year event. Wholesalers are struggling to buy enough stock to meet the demand.

Armed gang abducts scrap dealer seeking fake U.S. dollars found by ragpicker

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An armed gang of four abducted a 43-year-old scrap dealer three days after he handed over 23 bundles of fake U.S. dollars (USD) that one of his ragpicker-employee had found on the railway tracks, to the police on November 5. He was allegedly taken to different locations and tortured for several hours with the abductors demanding that he hand over the money he had found. After realising that the money is with the police, the accused dumped him with a warning not to complain to the police.

The victim had recently handed over 23 bundles of fake notes to the police

The armed gang came in a car to the victim's colony at Chiranjeevi Layout on Tuesday night. Touhidul Islam alias Bappa stayed alone in his hutment while his family stays in West Bengal. While two men stood guard outside, two others barged in and allegedly assaulted Bappa before ransacking the dwelling.

Hearing the commotion, a few ragpickers living nearby came to his rescue. Initially, they thought it was a prank, but when one of them noticed a man holding a gun, they realised that Bappa was in trouble. The gang told the ragpickers to stay away before taking Bappa in a car.

The ragpickers called city-based social activist Kaleemullah R. who alerted the police. Amruthahalli and Hebbal police rushed to the spot. Even as the police probe was under way, Bappa was released by his abductors, and came home. The police are now gathering CCTV camera footage to identify the abductors.

In a plastic bag

A ragpicker employed by Bappa had found a plastic bag containing chemical-laced 23 bundles of USD bills of $100 denomination dumped on the railway tracks near Hebbal. He handed over the currency to Bappa who called Kaleemullah and narrated the details. Kaleemullah handed over the currency notes to Police Commissioner B. Dayananda who ordered a probe by Hebbal police. The currency notes were handed over to the RBI.

A police officer said, "It looks like the currency bills are fake, and are part of the black dollar scam."

The police suspect that the gang behind the scam managed to track down Bappa and abducted him to recover the fake currency. The police are not ruling out the possibility of police teams from other States or Central agencies picking up Bappa for questioning in connection with immigration issue.

Recalling his ordeal, Bappa told *The Hindu* that the abductors were speaking in Kannada and Hindi. They took his laptop, a bag containing around ₹50,000 in cash, and three phones. "They blindfolded me and took me to an apartment. They tortured me asking about the money. They later took me in a SUV, drove around, and beat me up demanding to know about the money. They checked my phones to confirm that the money is with the police. They warned me not to inform the police. They warned that since they now know me, they would come back after me even if they were arrested," he said.

On Wednesday morning, he was pushed out on the road while the vehicle sped away. After walking for a few metres, he boarded an autorickshaw and reached home. The ragpickers in the colony are gripped by fear as they now fear for their lives.

Man arrested for misbehaving with woman passenger on flight

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 52-year-old software engineer from the United States (U.S.) was arrested by the Kempegowda International Airport police for misbehaving with a woman passenger on a Lufthansa airlines flight from Frankfurt to Bengaluru (flight LH 0754) on November 6.

The accused, Sankaranarayanan Renganathan, is a U.S. citizen. He was travelling alone, heading to Tiruchirappalli in Tamil Nadu for a family function.

According to the police, the woman works in a private firm. She was seated next to the accused. The duo exchanged greetings and chatted for some time before going to sleep.

The woman claims to have warned the accused after realising that he was touching her inappropriately. When he allegedly persisted, the woman complained to the cabin crew, and also changed her seat.

As soon as the flight landed in Bengaluru, she lodged a complaint with the police who arrested the accused on the charge of outraging the modesty of a woman. Later, he was released on bail.

Sankaranarayanan denied the charge, claiming that the touch could have been accidental, the police said.

Passport racket unearthed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Gangammanagudi police recently unearthed a passport racket and arrested a man who was allegedly getting passports to illegal immigrants through dubious means.

Based on a tip-off, a team of police raided Srikrishna Computers on Abbigere main road and arrested the owner Krishnamurthy, charging him under various sections of the Passports Act, 1967 and also for forgery.

Investigations revealed that the accused would help illegal immigrants get their passports done by creating fake rental agreements using which he would get their PAN and Aadhaar cards before applying for the passport.

The accused would charge a hefty amount from his clients and is said to have helped many illegal immigrants get passports using forged documents. The police have taken the accused into custody.

It may be recalled that the South Division police had unearthed a similar racket and arrested three persons in November last year.

NIA raids in human trafficking case: 10 arrested in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a joint operation, the National Investigation Agency (NIA), along with the local police, carried out search operations in 10 States, including Karnataka, and unearthed a cross-border human trafficking racket operational from Bangladesh.

The NIA said that of the 44 operators apprehended during the operations, 10 were from Karnataka. The NIA also registered an FIR in connection with the case in Bengaluru.

The operation was aimed at dismantling human trafficking support networks involved in the infiltration and settlement of illegal migrants across the India-Bangladesh border into India.

Initial case

Initially, the Assam special task force had registered a case pertaining to a human trafficking network responsible for the infiltration and settlement of illegal migrants across the India-Bangladesh border into India, including those of Rohingya origin, in September. When investigations revealed that the network was spread far and wide across multiple States, the NIA took over the case.

Coordinated raids were carried out across the country on Wednesday during which various items of significance, including, digital devices, such as mobile phones, SIM cards, and pen drives, were recovered. A significant number of identity-related documents, including Aadhaar cards and PAN cards, suspected to be forged were also seized.

Currency seized

NIA officials also seized Indian currency with a total value exceeding ₹20 lakh and foreign currency amounting to USD 4,550.

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Trouble with India's guidelines on genetically modified insects

The guidelines offer standard operating procedures for genetically engineering mosquitoes, crop pests, and beneficial insects – but what 'beneficial' means is not clear. This can only impede funders and scientists from investing in this research, and is one of many problems

Shambhavi Naik

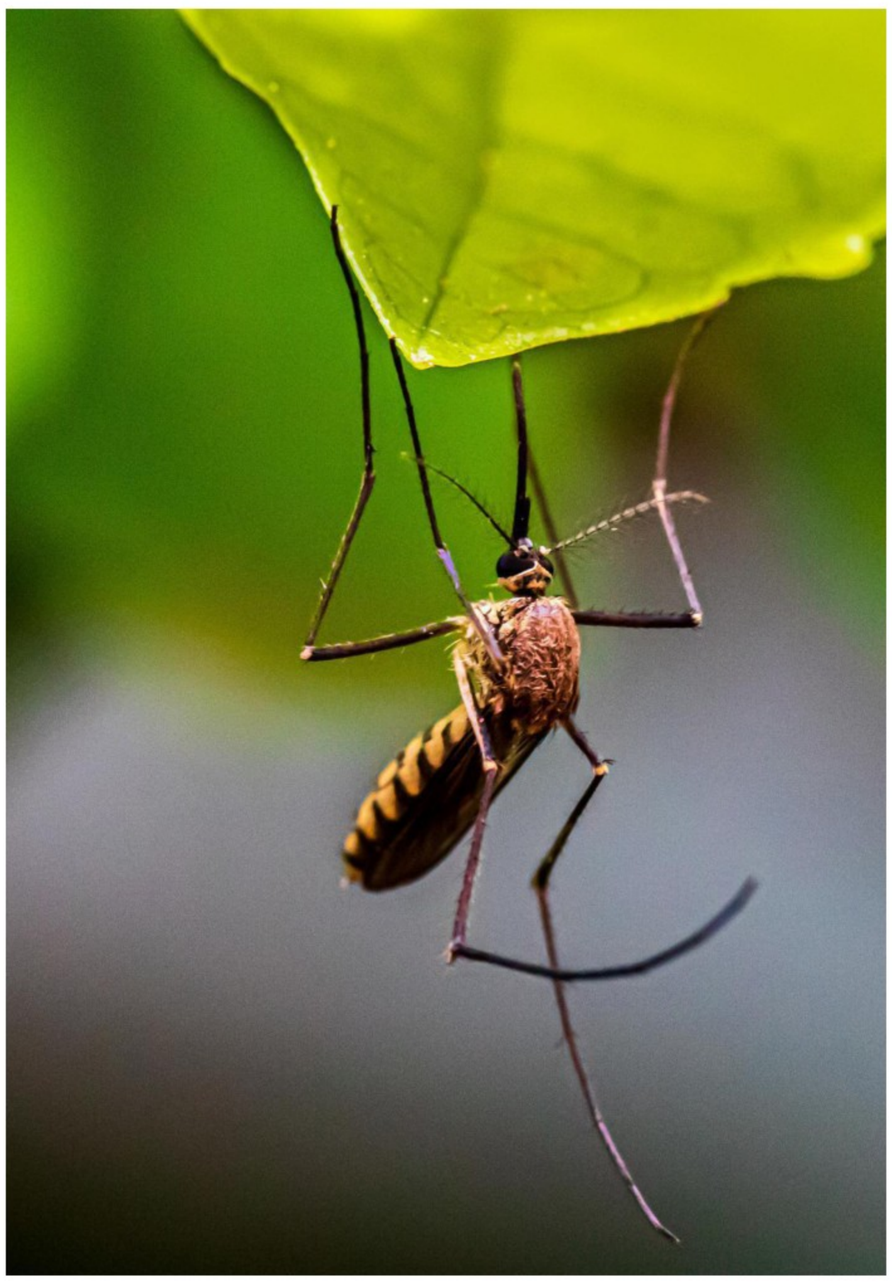
India's bioeconomy contributes 2.6% to the GDP. In April 2023, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) released its 'Bioeconomy Report 2022' report, envisioning this contribution to be closer to 5% by 2030. This ambitious leap - of $220 billion in eight years - will require aggressive investment and policy support. But neither funding for the DBT, India's primary promoter of biotechnology, nor its recent policies reflect any serious intention to uplift this sector. Along with more money, policies that enable risk-taking appetite within Indian scientists will be required to create an ecosystem of innovation and industrial action.

Funding for biotechnology India has been stagnating for a while. Despite a slight uptick during COVID-19, when DBT led the vaccine and diagnostics efforts, funding hasn't returned to the pre-pandemic level. The current allocation is also only 0.0001% of India's GDP, and it needs to be significantly revised if biotechnology is to be of any serious consequence for the economy.

The reduced funding is detrimental to India's national interests as well, considering the DBT is essential to any pandemic preparedness efforts. Further efforts are also needed to attract private funding in biotechnology research and development, a key area that industry representatives, investors, and government officials have highlighted multiple times.

Funding aside, biotechnology policies also need to be aligned to the economic goals set out in the Bioeconomy report. However, the language in a set of guidelines that the Indian government released recently, pertaining to genetically edited insects, indicate a problem.

In April 2023, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) issued the 'Guidelines for Genetically Engineered (GE) Insects'. They provide procedural roadmaps for those interested in creating GE insects. They have three issues, however.



if a GE insect is released then people are exposed to it without their consent. Community engagement and monitoring of the impact of GE will be required. SYED ALI/UNSPLASH

First: Uncertainty of purpose

The guidelines note that GE insects are becoming globally available and are intended to help Indian researchers navigate regulatory requirements. However, the guidelines don't specify the purposes for which GE insects may be approved in India or how the DBT, as a promoter of biotechnology, envisions their use.

The guidelines only provide regulatory procedures for R&D on insects with some beneficial applications. The introduction states:

"The development and release of GE insects offers applications in various fields such as vector management in human and livestock health; management of major crop insect pests; maintenance and improvement of human health and the environment through a reduction in the use of chemicals; production of proteins for healthcare purposes; genetic improvement of beneficial insects like predators, parasitoids, pollinators (e.g. honey bee) or productive insects (e.g. silkworm, lac insect)."

That is, the emphasis of using GE insects appears to be on uplifting the standard of living by reducing disease burden, enabling food security and conserving the environment. While these are all necessary functions, current biotechnology-based policies are not in sync with the broader commitment to contributing to the bioeconomy.

The guidelines - which are more procedural in nature than indicative of governmental policy - set out forms and instructions for using GE insects of various types. The approval for these experiments comes under the broad ambit of the Review Committee on Genetic Manipulation, a body under the DBT.

The guidelines have been harmonised to guidance from the World Health Organisation on GE mosquitoes. GE mosquitoes represent the most advanced application for this technology - yet the guidelines seem to downplay the economic opportunities that such insects provide.

Engineering honey bees to make better-quality and/or quantities of honey will help reduce imports and also maybe facilitate exports. Similarly, GE silkworms may be used to produce finer and/or cheaper silk, affecting prices and boosting sales. But the guidelines and policy are both quiet on how GE insects can benefit the bioeconomy and for which purposes the government might approve the insects' release.

> If there is no clarity on which idea the government would support, why would anyone invest in research on such insects?

Second: Uncertainty for researchers

The guidelines are applicable only to research and not to confined trials or deployment. That is, once the insects are 'made' and tested in the laboratory, researchers can conduct trials with them on the approval of the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC), of the Union Environment Ministry.

Government authorities will also have to closely follow the deployment of these insects. Once deployed, GE insects can't be recalled, and unlike genetically modified foods, they are not amenable to individual consumer choice. For example, if a consumer doesn't want to eat a GM organism, she can choose to buy organic food or food labelled "contains no GMO". But if a company decides to release a GE insect in an individual's neighbourhood, she will have no choice but to be exposed to it. So wider community engagement and monitoring of the impact of GE will be required.

The nature of the technology products - i.e. mosquitoes, honey bees, etc. - also make their private use difficult. In any case, the government will be the primary buyer in many cases, such as 'GE mosquitoes for disease alleviation' or 'honey bees for increased pollination'. But then there's no clarity on whether the Environment Ministry will actually approve the deployment of GE insects or what criteria it might use to consider a proposal to do so.

For example, while researchers have developed and tested GE mosquitoes to alleviate malaria in foreign settings, we don't know if the solution will be feasible in India. On the other hand, as honey bees populations decrease, genetically edited honey bees which live longer, might be of use in India. But if there is no clarity on which idea the government would support, why would anyone invest in research on such insects?

On a related note, the guidelines define GE insects by their risk group and not by the end product. It makes sense to subject any GE insects for human/animal consumption to stringent checks - but why using insects for silk or lac production needs to be checked the same way is not clear. The guidelines can sidestep this by adapting its rules for genetically modified crops for non-consumption purposes.

Third: Uncertainty of ambit

The guidelines offer standard operating procedures for GE mosquitoes, crop pests, and beneficial insects - but what 'beneficial' means, in the context of GE insects, is not clear.

The lack of clarity about the insects and the modifications to them that are deemed 'beneficial' will impede funders and scientists from investing in this research. In a country with low public as well as private funding, the absence of a precise stance to identify and promote research priorities hampers progress.

Other gene-editing guidelines contain similar ambiguity, such as the National Guidelines for Gene Therapy Product Development and Clinical Trials. They identify a gene-therapy product as "any entity which includes a nucleic acid component being delivered by various means for therapeutic benefit". But they don't "define therapeutic benefit", creating confusion on which gene therapy products will actually be permitted.

Further, genetic engineering can also be used to unintentionally generate malicious products. In 2016, the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency floated an 'Insect Allies' programme with the idea of creating insect vectors to deliver gene-editing components to plants that are threatened by pests. Scientists quickly pointed out that this application could also be used to create bioweapons. Similarly, the new guidelines don't sufficiently account for more dangerous possibilities.

So as things stand, the guidelines are not in sync with the ambitions outlined in the Bioeconomy 2022 report.

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ESA Director-General Josef Aschbacher is seen during the World Economic Forum in Davos, January 18, 2023. REUTERS

Europe targets competitive shake-up in space launch services deal

Reuters

Europe on Monday challenged the private sector to develop services for small rockets that could guide future space reform, while stabilising finances for troubled medium and heavyweight launchers for the coming decade.

The head of the European Space Agency (ESA) said the decision to foster competition had long-term implications for the industry, which is wrestling with a short-term gap in space access due to delays and technical setbacks with Ariane 6 and Vega-C rockets.

"We are in the midst of a paradigm shift for space transportation," Director General Josef Aschbacher said halfway through two days of space talks in Seville, Spain.

The announcement marks a new departure for the 22-nation agency, which has previously designed and procured launchers and wants to move towards a leaner system of buying services to help Europe mimic the runaway growth of rivals like Elon Musk's SpaceX.

"The launcher challenge ... will lower the cost of public funding and stimulate a new market for European space entrepreneurs," Gen. Aschbacher told ministers.

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Such projects would start with a new generation of mini-launchers but could set the tone for longer-term replacements for Europe's heavier Ariane 6 and Vega-C, which remain Europe's only independent options for major payloads in coming years.

"It's a mini-revolution because what they want to do now is buy a service," said Antoine Meunier, author of a recent book on the "long road" to European crewed space flight.

The move is part of a broader deal easing months of tensions after France lobbied for more support for Ariane 6, Germany pressed for competition in the France-led launch sector, and Italy demanded a bigger say on its domestically produced Vega-C.

In a side declaration, France, Germany, and Italy took credit for forging an agreement backed by other ESA nations, though delegates said all 22 nations had a role.

The deal means countries involved in existing launchers will provide up to 340 million euros of annual support for Ariane 6 and 21 million euros for Vega-C from 2026, to help close a gap between rising costs and market prices.

They also guaranteed four institutional launches a year for Ariane 6 and three for Vega-C.

The agreement secures a second batch of Ariane 6 launches from flights 16 to 42 after previous commitments covered an inaugural test flight and 14 commercial launches. That will give Airbus and other contractors more confidence to order parts.

In return, the industry will have to cut costs by 11%, French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire told reporters. Ariane 6 is built by Airbus-Safran venture ArianeGroup.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Transporting electric power efficiently

Vasudevan Mukunth

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1

An efficient way to transport electric power is as a three-phase alternating current. What is the typical phase separation (in degrees) between the three phases?

QUESTION 2

When direct current passes through a conductor, the conductor's material may oppose the current's flow. This is called resistance. The corresponding opposition for an alternating current is called impedance. It combines the effects of resistance as well as _____. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 3

The amount of electric charge that a material can store is denoted by its capacitance. To increase the capacitance of an electric circuit, engineers commonly add a device called a capacitor to it. What is the inverse of capacitance called? Though it is rarely used, this quantity is useful in some contexts where its increase leads to higher impedance.

QUESTION 4

When capacitance is measured between two objects, like the two plates of a capacitor, it's called mutual capacitance. When it is measured between an object and the ground, it's called self-capacitance. What is the value of the earth's self-capacitance?

QUESTION 5.

Name the English physicist who, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, coined many of the terms like impedance, resistance, capacitance, etc. In his rubric, terms ending in -ance denoted extensive properties and those ending in -ivity (like resistivity) denoted intensive properties.

Answers to November 7 quiz:

1. Expansion of ELF, the lowest radio transmission frequency – **Ans: Extremely low frequency**

2. Cellular network generation planning to use 0.3 THz radiation – **Ans: 6G**

3. Technological interval for producing 0.1-30 THz radiation – **Ans: Terahertz gap**

4. Plastic used to make lenses for terahertz radiation – **Ans: Picarin**

5. Radio telescope group observing in submillimeter wavelengths – **Ans: ALMA**

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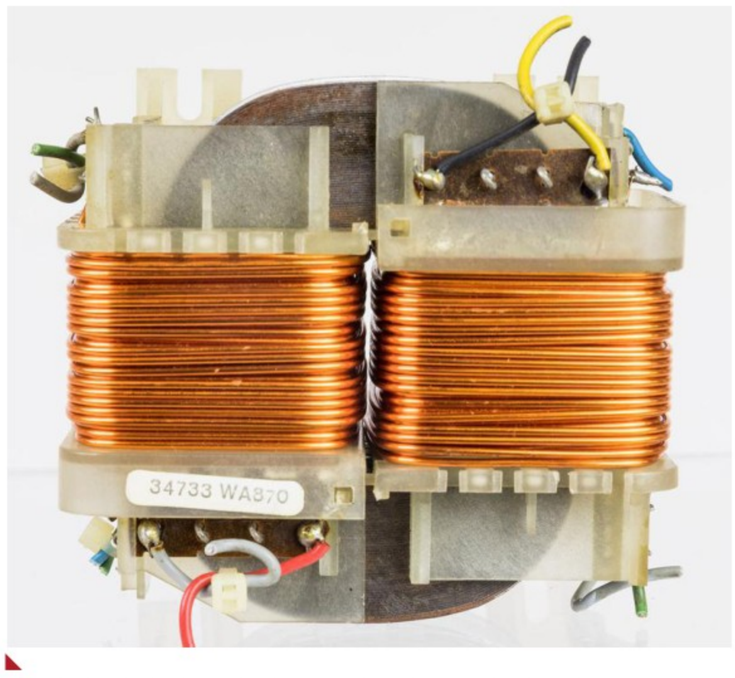

Visual: This device is used to increase the voltage and reduce the current in a power line to improve its transmission efficiency. Name it.
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Importance of 'loss and damage' funds

When was the decision to establish a loss and damage fund taken and in which Conference of Parties did member states take concrete steps to bring this fund to fruition? What is the role of the Transitional Committee? Have the meetings by this committee been successful?

EXPLAINER

Indu K. Murthy

The story so far:

As the climate crisis intensifies, two terms are in sharp focus – adaptation and 'loss and damage' (L&D). Adaptation is the proactive response to climate change, the art of survival by which communities and countries make deliberate choices to prepare for and cope with climate-related challenges. In contrast, L&D represents the irreversible consequences of climate change: impacts that can't be avoided or mitigated through adaptation efforts. They encompass the real losses that extend beyond monetary value and cut to the core of human rights and well-being. L&D includes economic losses, human casualties, and the degradation of ecosystems and cultural heritage.

What is the Loss and Damage fund?

The call for affluent nations to acknowledge their accountability for historic pollution is more than 30 years old. Historic pollution has elevated the world's average surface temperature by more than 1 degree Celsius and is currently inflicting damage worldwide, but especially in the poorest nations.

At the 19th Conference of the Parties (COP 19) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Warsaw, Poland, in 2013, representatives of member countries formally agreed to establish the L&D fund. It was being created to provide financial and technical assistance to economically developing nations that were incurring L&D due to climate change.

At COP 25, the Santiago Network for L&D was set up, but countries didn't commit any funds. Subsequently, at COP 26, the Glasgow Dialogue on finance for L&D was established to continue discussions over the next three years on the fund. Finally, at COP 27 in November 2022, after intense negotiations, representatives of the UNFCCC's member states agreed to set up the L&D fund and a Transitional Committee (TC) to figure out how the new funding mechanisms under the fund would operate. The TC was also to prepare recommendations that countries would consider, deliberate on, and potentially adopt by COP 28.

But so far, four meetings of the TC have concluded with no clear recommendations. And herein lies an important problem.

What has caused the impasse at the TC meetings?

The fourth meeting of the TC, or TC4, concluded on October 20, 2023, with no clear consensus on operationalising the L&D fund. The principal bones of contention had to do with hosting the fund at the World Bank, the foundational principle of common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR), climate reparations, and the eligibility of all developing nations for the funds. The differences on these counts deepened the rift between developed and developing nations at the TC4 meeting.

An impromptu fifth meeting of the TC, that is TC5, in Abu Dhabi concluded a few days back, and a set of recommendations have been drafted and forwarded to COP 28. TC5 was not on the original agenda – a sign of how contested the L&D fund continues to be.

At the TC5 meeting, developing nations conceded to the fund being hosted by the World Bank Financial Intermediary Fund for an interim period of four years, serviced by a new dedicated and independent secretariat. While the World Bank is yet to confirm that it is willing, it is important to note that it charges an exorbitant overhead fee. Moreover, the developed nations, particularly the U.S., have remained non-committal about being primary donors to the fund and have rejected references to the CBDR, equity, and liability in the draft. The result is that their support is voluntary. This has watered down the spirit and intent of the L&D fund.

Further, there is currently no indication of the size of the fund because such a statement was quashed under pressure from the U.K. and Australia. The current draft simply urges and invites developed nations to provide money.

What are the implications of this outcome?

The TC5 outcome highlights a profound lack of trust between affluent and emerging economies regarding their historical responsibilities, creating a substantial divide between wealthy and impoverished nations, particularly concerning climate reparations.

The unwillingness of wealthy nations to fulfil intended commitments undermines faith in global climate negotiations and hampers the cooperative spirit necessary to address climate change. It represents a missed chance to take concrete steps to combat the escalating consequences of climate change on vulnerable communities and signifies a breakdown in diplomatic efforts, leading to doubts about nations' ability to collaborate effectively.

The discontent among developing nations stems from the perception that their concerns and needs are not adequately addressed by the international community, making the path to climate action – and indeed other global issues – even more complicated.

Beyond the immediate diplomatic and trust-related repercussions, the watering down of the L&D fund has wide-reaching implications. It threatens climate justice and exacerbates the suffering of vulnerable communities in developing nations. These communities have contributed minimally to global emissions but today bear the brunt of climate change. The watering down can also increase the number of humanitarian crises, including via food shortage, people displacement, and conflict, and force communities to cope independently with a worsening climate and its consequences.

The absence of support has economic consequences for both developing and developed nations; financial crises and economic downturns in one region can have extensive repercussions due to the interconnectedness of the global economy. Without adequate L&D funds, there will also be limited capacity to address environmental degradation and the loss of vital ecosystems, which will further worsen environmental crises, causing irreversible harm to the earth.

Finally, climate-change-induced instability can have security implications as well, as conflicts and tensions emerge in vulnerable nations and threaten to spill across borders.

How will L&D funds ensure climate justice?

As we strive to mitigate the worst impacts of climate change, we must remember that adaptation and L&D are not mutually exclusive concepts.

They exist on a continuum of climate resilience, and both have a place in our collective efforts to combat climate change.

A successful response to climate change requires us to balance the proactive measures of adaptation with the moral and financial responsibility of addressing the losses and damages that are – regrettably – an inescapable part of a climate-altered world.

The L&D fund was conceived as a critical component of global climate action, recognising that some of the consequences of climate change are irreversible and beyond the capacity of vulnerable nations to handle. So to achieve climate justice, rich countries must meet their obligations to reduce emissions and deliver finance in line with what is fair, and thus uphold the principles of equity, justice, and solidarity in the face of a changing climate.

Otherwise, global climate action will get derailed, putting more pressure on the already beleaguered COP 28 talks later this month.

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Rising costs: The aftermath of a flood in Singtam, Sikkim on October 4. ANI

The price of climate change

The unwillingness of wealthy nations to fulfil fund commitments undermines faith in global climate negotiations

10 MOST EXPENSIVE DISASTERS OF PAST DECADE

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THE GIST

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Building workers' registrations with board see fourfold jump in three years

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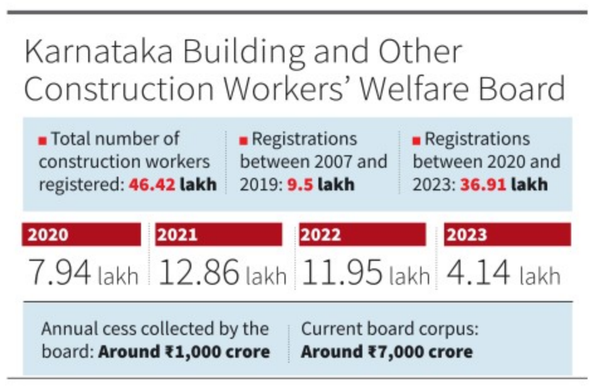
Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

In three years, the registration of construction workers with the Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board has seen a nearly a fourfold increase, a large number them said to be bogus registrations to avail of facilities.

While the board's membership in 13 years between 2007 and 2019 was 9.5 lakh, the numbers drastically increased by 36.91 lakh between 2020 and 2023. Currently, the membership is pegged at 46.42 lakh. While 7.94 lakh registrations took place in 2020, the registrations increased by 12.86 lakh in 2021 and 11.95 lakh in 2022. So far in 2023, 4.14 lakh people have registered.

In 2020, only Shivamogga had registration exceeding a lakh. After online registration was introduced, 22 districts have more than one lakh registrations. FILE PHOTO



Lax verification

The steep increase, both government and central trade unions acknowledge, was mainly due to bogus registrations during the BJP government's tenure when the pre-registration verification remained lax.

The extent of the increase is such that while in 2020 only Shivamogga had registration exceeding a lakh, after online registration was introduced, 22 districts have more than one lakh registrations. Haveri, the home district of the former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, saw a steep increase – from 44,911 in July 2020 to 2.86 lakh in April 2023.

"Membership, which was confined to the construction workers, became attractive to others too as the quantum of financial assistance for various programmes increased. The start of the online registration process in 2019 increased opportunities for non-construction workers to register with fake documents," K. Mahantesh, general secretary of the Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Federation, told *The Hindu*.

By July last year, when the total registrations were 37.75 lakh, as many as 27.39 lakh registrations had come from the Seva Sindhu portal alone. While manual registration accounted for just 3.5 lakh, the registration on the Karmika portal was about 6.86 lakh. "Despite many petitions seeking an investigation into fake registration through Seva Sindhu, the government turned a blind eye," Mr. Mahantesh said.

Distress during the COVID-19 pandemic added to more registrations. While the BJP government's efforts to utilise the board's money for pandemic control failed, about ₹1,970 crore was utilised for COVID-19 assistance by the board. "The DBT transfers to beneficiaries made it attractive and big money was available with the board. Cards have been issued rampantly across the State. More than 36 lakh cards were issued during the BJP government's tenure. For example, in Haveri, there are nearly 2.9 lakh cards whereas there are only 2.5 lakh households," a senior Labour Department source said.

Meanwhile, Labour Minister Santhosh Lad acknowledged the problem of bogus cards and said that the renewal had now been made stringent. "The renewal is being done on app and online mode. However, the worker has to provide details about the construction site, the name of the supervisor, and the name of building owner, among others, that can be verified."

However, urging the government to stop the registration of members from the Seva Sindhu portal, Mr. Mahantesh said, "Unless the verification process is stringent, bogus registration cannot be stopped. Online registration should be done at the Labour Department offices and by central trade unions."

Bid to collect more cess

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Efforts will be made to increase the quantum of cess collected annually by the Karnataka Construction Workers and Other Building Workers Board. Labour Minister Santhosh Lad said, "Of the ₹1,000 crore collected annually, cess collected from government works account for about ₹800 crore while it is about ₹200 crore from private constructions." He said that in the coming days, all building constructions across the State will be geo-mapped and reconciled that it was expected to bring in more cess. Mr. Lad also said that an estimated ₹1,500 crore had to come from the Centre since it had not given the State the cess it had collected since 2008.

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BWSSB ordered to utilise 24 tmcft of Cauvery water

Meanwhile, he said, "Water should be made available to surrounding areas including Anekal, Harohalli, Bengaluru North. We are also providing water to Kempegowda International Airport. Today Bengaluru North is growing at a rapid speed and there is a need to provide water," he said.

When asked if Tamil Nadu would raise objections to the use of 24 tmcft water for Bengaluru, he said, "Drinking water is our first priority, we are following the order given by the Supreme Court. Let them raise any objection, why should we give up our rights. We are now following the order given earlier (in 2018). We have given life to the Supreme Court's order, we will reserve this amount of water in the Krishnaraja Sagar or any part of the Cauvery basin."

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (November 9, Thursday), the following articles are available:

- 'Loss and damage' fund talks leave developing nations at new disadvantage **bit.ly/lossdamagefunds**
- Trouble with India's guidelines on genetically modified insects **bit.ly/modifiedinsects**

You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access these articles. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access an article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

Power shutdown today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

There will be a disruption in power supply on Thursday between 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. in the areas serviced from 66/11-kV Purvankara Palm Beach for carrying out maintenance work. According to a press release from Bangalore Electricity Supply Company, East Circle, the areas to be affected are Margonahalli, Kalkere Road, Byrathi village, Kanakashree Layout, Athmavidyanagar, Byrathi, Gubbi Cross, Byrathi Bande, Kyalasanahalli, and areas surrounding these places.

City continues to get rain; Hebbal flyover flooded

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city saw heavy rainfall on Wednesday evening as well, flooding arterial and sub-arterial roads and causing inconvenience to commuters and residents. It was mostly the northern parts that were affected.

There has been widespread rain from Saturday evening and on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday. Underpasses, roads, and a few houses were flooded. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), heavy rainfall, accompanied by thunderstorms, is likely in the next 24 hours.

According to the Bengaluru Traffic Police, multiple roads in the northern parts were inundated, especially in Bhadrappa Layout, Veeranapalya, and Kodigehalli. The Hebbal flyover was also flooded, resulting in slow-moving traffic at multiple junctions on Wednesday evening. Commuters were seen struggling to navigate through flooded roads, and traffic police were deployed to ease movement of vehicles in the affected areas.

According to Joint Commissioner of Police M.N. Anucheth, slow-moving traffic was seen on Bengaluru-Ballari Road (airport road) from central business district till Hebbal flyover via Windsor Manor junction, Kaveri theatre junction, and Mehkri Circle.

Transformation of KIA T1 completed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore International Airport Ltd. (BIAL) has announced the successful completion of a major terminal transformation project at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), which included repurposing the former international area within Terminal 1 (T1) to create a dedicated and expansive space for domestic operations.

BIAL has introduced nine new contact stands, supplementing the existing eight stands, exclusively dedicated to domestic operations. Additionally, it has activated a new pre-embarkation security check area equipped with automated tray retrieval system, facilitating the flow of passengers into the security hold area and onward to the new boarding gates. BIAL has increased the number of baggage claim belts to 10 for domestic arrival flights.

Timings
BENGALURU

THURSDAY, NOV. 09	
RISE	06:16 SET 17:51
RISE	02:49 SET 15:14
FRIDAY, NOV. 10	
RISE	06:16 SET 17:51
RISE	03:35 SET 15:49
SATURDAY, NOV. 11	
RISE	06:16 SET 17:51
RISE	04:21 SET 16:24

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	24
Mysuru	30	22
Bengaluru	28	21

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower is likely to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C A slight warm and humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light to moderate rain and thundershower.

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High Court tells BAI to frame rules to sanction tournaments

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the Badminton Association of India (BAI) to frame guidelines for acceptance of application and sanctioning of tournaments, in consultation with the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

While refusing to accept the BAI's contention that there is no provision in its bylaw for receiving applications from private entities for sanctioning tournaments, the court pointed out that the regulations of the BWF contain the provision for consideration of applications for organising tournaments by the entities. Justice R. Devdas issued the direction while disposing of the petitions filed by Bitsport Pvt. Ltd., the promoter of Grand Prix Badminton League, and a few badminton coaches and umpires. The petitioners had questioned the action of the BAI in refusing to allow the league and warning the players and coaches, who are members of the BAI, from participating in the "unsanctioned" league.

The court said that care should be taken to make provision in the proposed guidelines to allow unseeded players and/or players ranked below 50 in the international circuit, in such tournaments which would be in the interest of the sport and many such players who aspire to compete in the international level. The court has set a deadline of six months to formulate and publish the guidelines.

Top-50 ranked players

Pointing out that BWF's regulations specifically deal with the top-50 ranked players and to ensure their participation in the national and international tournaments recognised or organised by the BFW by pre-scheduling these tournaments, the court said that other players, either not ranked or placed below the top 50 ranks cannot be prevented from participating in tournaments other than the ones recognised and organised by the BWF or the member associations.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is issued on behalf of My client **SMT.MANJAMMA C,W/O MARIYAPPA. A.M,** to bring the notice of the general public that she has intend to purchase the schedule property from **SMT.B. MEENAKSHI,W/O V.Nagaraja,** If any, person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the Schedule Property by way of inheritance, sale, agreement, mortgage, lease, lien, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within **Seven (07) days** from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, with all supporting documents failing which reference to such claim and the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated as waived and not binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL of the site bearing **No.30** carved out Sy.no 7 and the new Sy. No. 216/7 of the Composite Property, Situated at **Agrahara village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** measuring East to West::40-0 Feet and North to South::30-0 Feet, together measuring **1,200 Sq.Ft** and is bound on the :-
East by : Site No.43,West by : 30 Feet Road, North by : Site No. 31, South by : Site No.29,

S. ARUNA KUMARI,
Advocate & Solicitor,
For Riddhi Associates,
#61/3A, VKP Sadhana, 3rd Floor,
Near NTI Bus Stop, Boopasandra Main road,
Nagashettyhalli, Bangalore:-560094
M:9845089533

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client, having negotiated, intends to buy the immovable Property mentioned in the Schedule herein below from its sole and absolute owner in possession, namely. Sri. Chandrashekara .M. S/o Late. Mallikarjuna. R.

Any person/s claiming any right/s, title, interest/s, charge/s, mortgage/s, court attachment/s, lien/s whatsoever over the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder, or any part thereof, may lodge the objections and or claims with the undersigned along with copies of the documents in support of such claim/s and/or objection/s, by mode of registered post with acknowledgement due, which shall reach the undersigned at the address mentioned thereof, within FIFTEEN days from the date of this publication and any objections, claims received thereafter and any objection/s, claim/s received without any documentary proof, will not be entertained and considered by my client, and that he will proceed thereafter to buy the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder, as if there are no such claims/objections, whatsoever.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant site bearing No.350, Municipal Khatha No.350, situated in the BDA approved layout, formed by Bank Officers and Officials House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., at Thippasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, which locality is currently called as Doddakallasandra 2nd Stage, 1st Block, lying within the limits of Ward No.196, Anjanapura Sub-division of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring on to the East: 40.0 ft. on to the West: 40.0 ft. on to the North: 60.0 ft and on to the South: 60.0ft, totally measuring 2400 sft., in area and is bounded as follows:-
East by : Road, West by : Property Nos.341 & 340, North by : Property No. 351 and South by : Property No.349.

Sd/- **N.G. SREEDHAR,** B.Com, L.L.B., Advocate
No. 39/44, 'ASHWINI', 20th 'A' Main,
1st 'R' Block, Rajajinagar,
BANGALORE-560010.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is desirous of purchasing the Residential Apartment, which is described in SCHEDULE-B PROPERTY hereunder from its present owner, **Ms. Daksha Masrani. B.,** D/o Mr. Bhagwanji Masrani, No.38, Littleton Road, Harrow, HA1 3SU, London, UK. It is reported that the said owner having acquired the schedule-B property by virtue of the registered Sale Deed dated 26.02.2018 vide registered document No-VRT-1-00499-2018-19, which is electronically stored in CD No-VRTD357 of Book-1, dated 20.04.2018, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Varthur and she has power and authority to sell or otherwise dispose of the same in favour of my client.

Any person or persons asserting any charge, lien, right, title, agreement, interest or claim on the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or the documents thereof or against the aforesaid owner or objection to sale of the schedule-B property, should lodge his / her / their / its objections or claims with supporting documents with the undersigned within **FIFTEEN DAYS (15 Days)** of the issuance of this Public Notice, after which period my client shall proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE-A PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property in **Survey No.66/1 (Old No.66),** of Siddapura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, admeasuring **2 Acres 35 Guntas** Equivalent to 1,25,235 Sq Ft, converted for non-agricultural residential purposes vide order dated 11/05/2009 bearing No. ALN(EVH)SR 445/2008-09 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and bounded as hereunder:

East By : Property known as 'Lakevie Farm, West By : Property in occupation of Shell Petrol Station, North By : Private Property owned by Mr. Rao and South By : Airport - Whitefield Road

SCHEDULE-B PROPERTY
(Property agreed to be conveyed)

Residential apartment bearing **No. 1102** in **A Block, Eleventh Floor** of the said Building i.e multistoried building known as **'MIRAYA ROSE BY UKN'** built on the Schedule A Property and admeasuring **6,425 Sq. Feet** of super built-up area inclusive of a proportionate share in common areas such as passengers, lobbies, lifts, staircases, and other areas of common use with exclusive right to use T**wo (2) Covered Car Parking** Spaces bearing No. 114 and 115 in the Basement Floor of the said building along with **1285 Sq, Ft,** undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land as described in Schedule A' above and the Apartment is bounded by

East By : Common Area and thereafter Flat No. 1101 on the Elevant Floor of A Block in "Miraya Rose" by UKN, West By : Open towards open space in "Miraya Rose by UKN" and thereafter Shell Petrol Pump, North By : Open Towards open space in "Miraya Rose by UKN" and thereafter Private Property, South By : Open Towards open space in "Miraya Rose by UKN" and thereafter Main Road.

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Email: kattidhirendra@gmail.com
Bangalore Date : 08.11.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners: **Smt.K.V.Jayashree W/o Late S.S.Ramesh and her only son Sri.S.R.Chetan,** residing at No.A-3, Lotus Apartment, 5th Cross, S V Layout, Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore; and **Smt.Sumadevi W/o late S.S.Manjunath and her children Smt.Hemashree.S.M** & Sri.Veeresh.S.M, residing at No.4, Park View Residence, Sannidhi Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential property bearing Municipal No.107/3 PID No.49-6-107/3, measuring East to West (40+43)/2 ft and North to South 20 ft, in all measuring 833 Sq.ft., situated at Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004 and bounded on:

East by : Property of G.V.Rudrappa
West by : Corporation Road
North by : G.V.Rudrappa's land
South by : Corporation Road

Sd/- S.F. Goutam Chand
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that, my client **SRI.BHASKAR SRINIVASIAH** S/o Sri.Srinivasiah Malappa, is the absolute owner of the residential Apartment bearing No.2141 having Municipal No.27/109/619/09/Flat 2141, on Level-14 of Tower-2 in 'Prestige Nottinghill' measuring 1804 Sq.ft of super built up area with one covered car parking together with 714 Sq.ft of undivided share of right, title and interest in land in property bearing Municipal Khatha No.27/619 Sy.No.9, measuring about 1,90,658 Sq.ft, situated at Kalena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.192-Begur.

My client has lost/misplaced the original Sale Deed dated 29/07/2011, registered as document No.BGR-1-03286-2011-12, stored in CD No.BGRD97, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Begur, Bengaluru and other related documents, with respect to said Apartment and to that effect my client has lodged a complaint with Bengaluru City Police vide Lost Report No.0755335/2023 on 06/10/2023. If anybody holds or otherwise finds the said original Sale Deed and other related documents mentioned above, is hereby requested to hand over the same to the undersigned within 7 (seven) days from today and he/she will be rewarded appropriately.

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY. M
For ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP
Advocates & Solicitors,
No.101, 2nd Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex, 22nd Main,
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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Public Works Department, Executive Engineer, P.W. (North) Division, Dhule - 424001
E-TENDER NOTICE N0.31/2023-2024

Online Tenders (e-tender) In " B-1 " form for the 02 (Two) works are Invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W. (North) Division, Dhule, (Phone no. 02562-288763) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System. http://mahatenders.gov.in from the registered in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Maharashtra State.

As per above tender notice, 02 (Two) works, detail tender Information will be available at http://mahatenders.gov.in and can be download from 09/11/2023 at. 18:00 hrs to 20/11/2023 at 17:45 hrs.

Opening of above work On 22/11/2023 Time 11.00 Hours (If possible) in the office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W. Circle, Dhule

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
P.W. (North) Division, Dhule

DGIPR/2023-2024/4762

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI - 221004

NOTICE INVITING BID **Date: 08.11.2023**
Notice No. BLW/S/08/Locomotive Manufacture and Maintenance

Project: Manufacturing and Maintenance of 500 (five hundred) 6000 HP Freight Electric Locomotives Co- Co configuration and 50 (fifty) 9000 kW High Horsepower Passenger Electric Locomotives Bo-Bo configuration (8 axles) with provision of push pull mode.

The President of India, represented by Principal Chief Materials Manager, Banaras Locomotive Works (hereinafter referred to as the **"Authority"**), having its principal office at Banaras Locomotives Works, Varanasi- India is engaged in the developmental of Railways and related infrastructure and as part of this endeavor, the Authority has decided to undertake 500 (five hundred) 6000 HP Freight Electric Locomotives Co-Co configuration and 50 (fifty) 9000 kW High Horsepower Passenger Electric Locomotives Bo-Bo configuration(8 axles) with provision of push pull mode, through single stage two packet bidding system and has to carry out the Bidding process for selection of a Bidder to whom the Project may be awarded. A brief description of the Project may be seen in the information Memorandum of the Project at the Authority's website (**www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in**) Brief particulars of the Project are as follows:

"Manufacturing of 500 (five hundred) 6000 HP Freight Electric Locomotives Co-Co configuration and 50 (fifty) 9000 kW High Horsepower Passenger Electric Locomotives Bo-Bo configuration(8 axles) with provision of push pull mode (the **"Locomotives"**), spread over a period of 05 (five) years at BLW, Varanasi by the selected bidder and Maintenance of these locomotives for a period of 35 years at 03 (three) nominated Government Depots over Indian Railways on the basis of a long term manufacturer and maintenance contract (the **"Project"**).

The Bidding Documents can be viewed /downloaded from official portal of the Railways website **https://ireps.gov.in** from **21.11.2023** onwards. Bidders must submit their Financial Bid and Technical Bid at **https://ireps.gov.in** on or before up to **15.03.2024** at **11.00 hrs.** Bids received online shall be opened on **15.03.2024** at **11.00 hrs** IST.

Bid submitted through any other mode shall not be entertained. Power of Attorney and Joint Bidding Agreement etc. shall be submitted physically by the Bidder on or before **15.03.2024** at **11.00 hrs** IST. Please note that the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the Bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

For further details, please contact:
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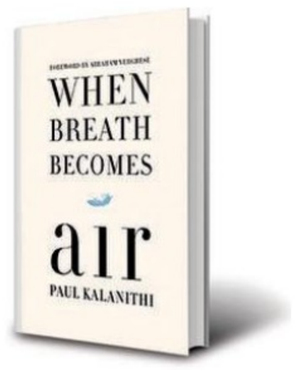

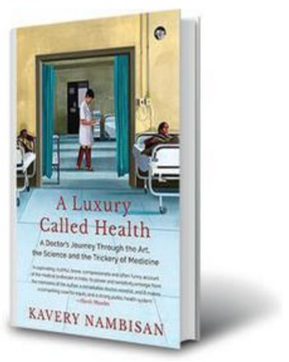

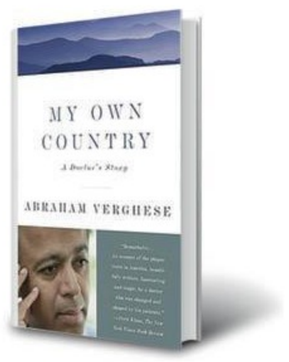

Saving lives: Doctors were at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19. FILE PHOTO

Life and death and how doctors deal with real intimations of mortality everyday

Medical autobiographies provide a glimpse of how the fraternity handles death which hangs overhead like a Damocles sword. Health memoirs also help in establishing a close working relationship between doctors and patients and their families

Ramya Kannan

From the classics till modern works of fiction and non-fiction, the central exploration of literature has been around questions of life and/or mortality. Human perception of life has struggled with accommodating death, and intimations of mortality have fuelled great works, right from the Greek classics. The meaning of life and death has often been what has spurred authors to dip deep and reach high. Great works have laced philosophy with a language skill that surpasses most others', rendering them unforgettable. For doctors, death need not be philosophical or phantasmic, for them, intimations of mortality are real, and the cessation of life, palpable. In their professional life, the possibility of death always hangs overhead like a Damocles sword.

At the heart of it, perhaps this is what makes a medical biography gripping – a doctor's intimate dalliance with death, nearly daily.

Unexpected antagonist

In Paul Kalanithi's poetic autobiography published posthumously, *When Breath Becomes Air*, death is the unexpected antagonist, appearing in the form of lung cancer that finally fells him. The bright American neurosurgeon finds his unnatural debility in his 30s worrisome, but stodgily plods on, ignoring his symptoms, or putting up with them, so poised as he was on the brink of promise, and a grand new world. Written in such evocative prose, as he battles cancer, *When Breath Becomes Air* is a gentlemanly approach to a rugged disease.

American surgeon, writer, and public health researcher Atul Gawande is a prolific writer, and his books are quite popular on the charts too. *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* is an honest, but at the same time, personalised look into end of life care. Gawande goes in for the real, and does not sugar coat the inescapable reality of ageing, and the squalor that could result from that – pain and death, all immutable.

Cell science

For Siddhartha Mukerjee's first book, *Emperor of all Maladies*, he chose to tell the biography of cancer. With his style, best described as breathtaking, he easily sets a relatable context that even non-scientists are familiar with. As he dives headlong into cell science, he also reaches into his coat pockets to grab a dash of wonder, awe, and the everyday. Cancer is the central character to which the ancients and moderns, have to pay obeisance, in this much-feted book.

It is the empathy and personalised attention that doctors exhibit that elevates them, we learn from best-selling author Abraham Verghese's *My Own Country*. While his latest work of fiction *The Covenant of Water* is a stunning inter-generational novel hinged on matters medical, his first ever book is deeply sad, lonely and yet hopeful. An infectious diseases expert struggling with HIV, as yet undiagnosed, and as yet without treatment, this autobiographical note highlights the value of empathy, of staying with patients even when their own perplexed and fearful families have withdrawn from caregiving. In this book, there are the unmistakable signs of what will go on to make Verghese the beloved author he is.

Inspiring stories

Several giants in the Indian health care space have also seemingly effortlessly put pen to paper to generate tales that have kept readers glued to the books, and inspired them. Legendary Indian nephrologist M.K. Mani hails the Hindu god of death, in his autobiography *Yamaraja's Brother* (available in digital format too). His strong, well-known views on the practice of medicine, ethics and doctor-patient relationship come through unequivocally.

Kafeel Khan's intimate encounter with death, in the *Gorakhpur Hospital Tragedy* is an earthy, pulsating account of a tragedy in which many children died, one where the aftermath of revenge and the blame game were as shocking as the deaths itself.

Pranay Gupte's biography of Apollo Hospitals' founder Prathap C. Reddy, *Healer* is a tome that outlines in a detailed manner, the revolution in private health care in India that his protagonist essayed. At a time when doctors were heading out of the country to carry on a lucrative practice, this is the inspiring story of a doctor who came back to serve his country and contribute immensely. Incidentally, that journey too began when Dr. Reddy lost a patient he could not help.

Lessons from life

Eminent diabetologist V. Mohan's book *Making Excellence a Habit* is in the realm of a self-help book that will actually help the reader. By his own confession, he would have been a literatteur if he had his way, and that arms this book which pours in energy, passion, faith and a lived life as lessons. That, along with what has become the hallmark of a good doctor, empathy for his patients, elevates this easy read to one you might want to display on your book shelf.

It's the personalisation that ultimately saves the day for any medical book. While keeping the formula to the medical text book, autobiographies score on establishing a close working relationship with patients and their families in a particular Indian setting.

Kaveri Nambisan's *A Luxury Called Health* is a sweeping look at how health care was built up from scratch in India, offering a unique view of rural health centres serving in the most remote areas of the country. It is a book about patients, leaders, philanthropists, nuns, nurses, swamis and surgical assistants. It is, equally, a visceral record of being with her husband Vijay as he fights cancer.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

A quiz on personalities, places, and events connected with November 9

V. V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
Which Asian country, whose current monarch is Norodom Sihamoni, got its Independence from France on this date 70 years ago?

QUESTION 2
Name the author, philosopher, and politician, familiar to Indians as the writer of 'Sare Jahan se Accha', born on November 9, 1877, in Sialkot.

QUESTION 3
The chemical element with the atomic number 110, discovered on November 9 at the GSI Helmholtz Centre for Heavy Ion Research, takes its name from the city where the institute is located. Name the city and the element.

QUESTION 4
On this date, who did Garry Kasparov beat to become the youngest World Chess Champion?

QUESTION 5
The cruiser that bombarded Madras on September 22, 1914, during World War I, was disabled on November 9 later that year by HMAS Sydney which grounded it off the Cocos Islands. Name the German vessel.

QUESTION 6
Which free and open-source web browser, originally created in 2002 under the code name 'Phoenix', had its initial release on November 9, 18 years ago?

QUESTION 7
Name the French President, the target of an assassination attempt in Frederick Forsyth's *Day of the Jackal*, who passed away on November 9, 1970.

Visual question:
This is the seal of which Indian State that officially became the 27th State of the Republic of India on November 9, 2000?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. After a wicket falls, a new batter gets these many minutes to take guard for the next ball, and if they don't they are dismissed like this. **Ans: Two minutes; Timed out**

2. If any batter leaves the field of play (except for injury, incapacity and with umpire's consent)and fails to resume their innings, they are out. These two players have been given out in this manner. **Ans: Marvan Atapattu, Mahela Jayawardene**

3. This is a mode of dismissal in which the non-striker is dismissed in case he attempts to take off for a run before the bowler's front foot has landed for delivery. It is named after this cricketer. **Ans: Mankading, Vinoo Mankad**

4. If the batter "hits" the ball twice, they are out. This has happened in this match. **Ans: Romania versus Malta in 2023**

5. The four variations of ducks used in cricket. **Ans: Golden duck, diamond duck, royal duck, titanium duck**

Visual: Identify this cricket player. **Ans: Inzamam-ul-Haq; he was dismissed for obstructing the field**

Early Birds: Satish Reddy Kanaganti| Varghese Joseph

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, Mr V.S. Paul Devasahayam, West Ponnagaram, Madurai, wants to know which of the following is correct: (a) such a one (b) such an one."

"It is such a one. Even though the word 'one' begins with a vowel letter, the word is pronounced like the word 'won'. So the first sound is 'w'. It is the same with words like 'once' and 'oneness'. However, 'only' rhymes with 'lonely'. That is, the first sound is a vowel. So we say 'such a one', but 'an only child'."

"Sir, Mr. V. Guru Dutt, First Stage, Kuvempunagar, Mysore, wants to know the meaning of 'curate's egg'"

" 'A curate's egg' is something partly good and partly bad. A curate is an assistant to a parish priest. The term 'curate's egg' dates from a cartoon published in Punch in 1895. A bishop served a curate 6 bad eggs and asked him whether he liked it. As the bishop was his boss, the curate was afraid of saying that it was a bad egg. He said diplomatically that parts of it were excellent. 'Good in parts, like the curate's egg' is proverbial and is used of anything that is a mixture of good and bad features.

All the same, it is a curate's egg of a book. While the whole may be somewhat stale and addled, it would be unfair not to acknowledge the merits of some of its parts."

"Sir. Ms. J. S. Kaur, Karolbagh, New Delhi, wants to know the meaning of 'bottom line'."

" 'Bottom line' means 'the end result, final outcome, the net profit or loss of any transaction'. This expression relates to the bottom line at which profit or loss is shown in account books. It is used figuratively to mean 'the essential factor in a situation, the point or crux of the argument'."

"Sir, Ms. V. Laxmi Sharma, Ongole, wants to know the meaning of 'incult'."

" 'Incult' means 'rude', 'lacking in refinement', 'unpolished'. This is a formal word used with persons and manners.

He is incult, but clever.

He is and has always been incult. All the polish he has is on his shoes!

This word is rarely used."

"Sir, Miss K. K. Usha, Madras-24, wants to know whether 'she is indifferent' means 'she is different from others'."

"No. It doesn't mean that. Indifferent means 'having no partiality for or against, having no interest in or sympathy for'.

She was indifferent to his success. This hurt him deeply.

He is indifferent to public criticism of his performance.

'Indifferent' also means 'neither good or bad, not especially good'.

We have all kinds of people, good, bad and indifferent.

He is an indifferent teacher.

'Very indifferent' means definitely bad.

Her singing was very indifferent."

Published in The Hindu on December 12, 1989.

Word of the day

Stodgy:
heavy and starchy and hard to digest; out of fashion; old fashioned; excessively conventional and unimaginative and hence dull

Synonyms: stick-in-the-mud, fogyish, mossy, stuffy

Usage: *I attended a very stodgy dinner party.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/stodgypro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈstɒ.ʤi/

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Lateral entry: Document verification from tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) will conduct document verification of diploma holders seeking admission to the second year/third semester (lateral entry) of engineering courses, on November 10, 11, and 13.

S. Ramya, Executive Director, KEA, stated in a press release on Tuesday that document verification would also be conducted for candidates seeking admission to first-year architecture degree courses.

KARNATAKA BIODIVERSITY BOARD

Government of Karnataka
(Forest, Environment and Ecology Department)

Attention:
Directions under Section 49(1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, Government of Karnataka, No.FEE 186 ENV 2023 dated: 25.10.2023

The Government of Karnataka, in exercise of its powers under Section 49 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, through directions has provided window of opportunity of 60 days to the entities using Biological resources from Karnataka for commercial utilization to comply with the provisions of the Act.

The Directions are:

1. All citizens of India and Indian entities who fall under the ambit of Section 7, who are desirous to comply with the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules can give prior intimation to the Karnataka State Biodiversity Board by making an application in Form-1 for the previous years given within a period of 60 days from the date of issuance of this direction.

2. Also taking into account that the Guidelines on Access to Biological Resources and Associated knowledge and Benefits Sharing Regulations only came into force in 2014, a window of opportunity for compliance of the Act for the previous years is given from date 06.11.2023 to date:06.01.2024 as per the Govt. order No. FEE 186 ENV 2023 dated: 25.10.2023. This window of opportunity is provided to the acts and approvals that were required to be obtained in the past subject to certain restrictions.

3. All such applications in Form-1 for ex-post facto approvals will be scrutinized by the Board in a hearing and only a adequate and reasonable justification and by recording the reasons, the Board, if satisfied, may permit the application. The Board shall consider all such cases of ex-post facto approvals on the basis of merit and shall ensure that only such cases are granted approval for future activities, which would have otherwise been approved in the normal course, had the Indian citizen/entity concerned applied in time for the prior approval.

The Government of Karnataka has further directed the Board to take decisions thereon within a period of 60 days from the date of issuance of this order, including the course of action for matters related to the past. Therefore, it is brought to the attention of all the entities using Biological resources from Karnataka for commercial utilization to comply with the provisions of the Act, and to submit Form-1 and ABS obligation to the Karnataka Biodiversity Board failing which action as per Section 55 & 56 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, will be initiated.

Sd/-
Member Secretary

For more Information please contact:
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Hon'ble Chief Minister

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board

Sri D. K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

Distribution of Financial Assistance for the Education of the Children of Registered Building & Other Construction Workers for the year 2022-23

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Sri. Santhosh S. Lad
Hon'ble Minister for Labour distributing benefits to the beneficiaries.

Date: 09-11-2023, Thursday Time: 10.30 AM
Venue: "Banquet Hall", Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

Hearty Welcome by

Mohammad Mohsin, I.A.S
Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Labour

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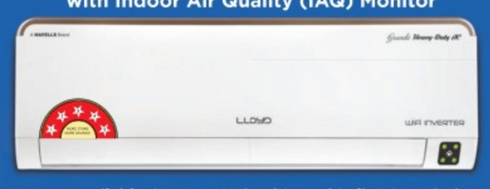
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INBRIEF

No Congress MLA will go to BJP: Shivakumar

KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Wednesday said that the Opposition BJP will not succeed in taking into its fold a single Congress MLA and hinted about more leaders of BJP and JD(S) joining the Congress next week. Speaking to reporters in New Delhi, Mr. Shivakumar hinted that ex-MLAs of both parties are expected to join the Congress by November 15. The BJP would not succeed in toppling the Congress government in the State, he said. According to sources, former BJP MLA (Mudigere) M.P. Kumaraswamy is expected to join the Congress soon. He said more than 50 leaders from Karnataka will go to Telangana for election-related work in that State and he would go on Friday.

Centenary celebrations of Seva Dal in Bengaluru today

The centenary celebrations of Seva Dal of the Congress will be held at the Palace Ground in Bengaluru on Thursday. The Seva Dal will complete 100 years on November 28, 2023. Seva Dal chief Lalji Desai will hoist the flag, while KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar will preside over the function. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the programme, said KPCC working president and MLC Saleem Ahmed. The Seva Dal is the grassroots front organisation of the Congress.

HC grants bail to Murugha Mutt seer in one case of sexual assault on minor girls

However, court bars him from entering Chitradurga district till conclusion of trial in both cases

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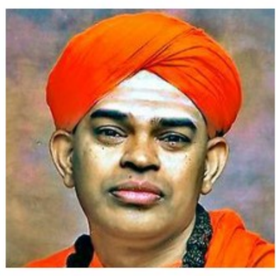

Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday granted bail to Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, seer of Murugarajendra Bruhan Mutt, Chitradurga, in one of the two criminal cases registered against him last year for alleged sexual assaults on two minor girls.

However, the court has directed the seer not to enter Chitradurga district till the conclusion of trial against him in both the cases and appear before the special court during trial through videoconferencing without fail.

Justice Sreenivas Harish Kumar passed the order while allowing the petition filed by the seer after the special court in Chitradurga district for the cases under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act refused to grant him bail in February this year. While analysing the statements of victims girls, some of the witnesses and medical report for the limited purpose of considering seer's plea for bail, the High Court said that certain doubts arises due to differences in the statements given by the two minor girls.

The court noted that the girls had stated before the police and the doctor that they were subjected to penetrative/aggravated sexual assault as defined under Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Assault Act by the seer, but in their statement recorded before the magistrate they did not allege this, which attracts punishment upto life imprisonment.

While the two girls had named before the magistrate eight other girls stating that they too were sexually assaulted, the other girls had stated before the magistrate that the seer used to treat them well and teach English and Sanskrit once a week.

As the medical report of the two girls had stated their hymen were intact, the High Court said that though medical report has only corroborative value, it has to be considered in the light of statements given by the two girls before the magistrate contrary to their statements before the police and the doctor; and the statement of the eight other girls. The court also noted that the father and the grandmother of one of the girls had stated that they came to know about the harassment from the news telecast on the television as the girl had never made such a complaint to them.

Conditions imposed

To execute two bonds each for ₹2 lakh two sureties for the like sum, not try to influence the witnesses and tamper with evidences, not get involved in any criminal case in future, and surrender of passport were among the other conditions imposed on the seer.

Registering FIR against witnesses, complainant in sexual assault cases illegal: High Court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has said that the police could not have registered a First Information Report (FIR) based on a counter-complaint lodged by Basavaprabhu Swami, in charge seer of Murugarajendra Bruhan Mutt, Chitradurga, alleging that some persons had conspired to tarnish the image of the Mutt and the seer Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, by coaxing two young girls to make unfounded allegations against the seer.

The court said that the complaint of Basavaprabhu Swami at best could be placed before the court, which is trying the two cases of sexual assault filed against the seer on the basis of the statement of the witnesses, to counter allegations made against the seer by the particular witnesses.

Justice R. Devdas passed the order while quashing the FIR against S.K. Basavarajan, a former administrator of the Mutt, his wife Sowbhaygya Basavarajan, and others on the allegation of criminal conspiracy, extortion, cheating, and inducing minor girls to have illicit intercourse with another person.

The in-charge seer had lodged the complaint based on the social media audio clip about the alleged conversation between a complainant and a witness on plans to lodge false complaint against the seer. If the trial court comes to a conclusion that witnesses and a complainant in sexual offences cases had given false information against the seer or that the petitioners conspired with witnesses/complainant or any other person to falsely implicate the seer of the Mutt, then it is for the trial court to take a call as to whether action has to be initiated against such persons in terms of the provisions of the Cr.PC, the High Court observed.

The High Court said that there was clear bar under Section 195(1)(b)(i) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.PC) for the magistrate to take cognisance of the offence as the allegations made in the in-charge seer's complaint was pertaining to the two cases registered against the seer and against the witnesses and complainants in those cases.

'Attempt to derail trial'

While observing that the court is of the firm opinion that the proceedings initiated at the behest of Basavaprabhu Swami is a deliberate attempt, calculated to derail the trial against the seer of the Mutt, Justice Devdas said it is the bounden duty of the High Court to insulate the criminal cases [registered against the seer] from outside interferences.

The High Court termed the conduct of Chitradurga police as 'dubious' for misdescribing or putting a wrong label of the offences, only to facilitate registration of a cognizable offence, although a plain reading of the written complaint given by Basavaprabhu Swami does not make out any offence in Sections 384 (extortion) or 366A of IPC.

'Petitioners have failed to disclose their correct credentials'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A retired professor and a former syndicate member of Mysore University "have not come to the court with clean hands, clean heart, and clean objective" as they had failed to disclose their correct credentials in their separate PIL petitions, in which they had questioned the legality of appointment of S. Vidyashankar as Vice-Chancellor of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), said the High Court of Karnataka.

A Division Bench made these observations in the order of dismissing the petitions filed by 66-year-old B. Shivaraj, a retired professor, and 77-year-old K. Mahadev, former syndicate member.

Pointing out that both Mr. Shivaraj and Mr. Mahadev had failed to disclose the particulars of their past and present litigations, and the civil and criminal cases faced or initiated by them in their petitions, the Bench said that this conduct of the petitioners amounts violation of the rules of the High Court governing the PIL petitions.

JD(S), BJP will work like a family to win all 28 LS seats: HDK

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

H.D. Kumaraswamy

Former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy is not bothered about how many seats his party will win in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections because his target is to ensure that the JD(S)-BJP alliance wins all 28 seats in Karnataka.

Addressing a media conference in Hassan along with his party colleagues, Mr. Kumaraswamy said the Congress government in Karnataka is rattled after he met senior leaders of the BJP a couple of times. "We have only talked about joining the NDA. Already, the Congress party is jittery. Imagine what would be their state once we finalise our understanding with the BJP in Karnataka," he said.

Mr. Kumaraswamy said that talks about the alliance with the BJP are still in the preliminary stage. The details would be finalised after the Assembly elections in five States. "We will talk about the alliance with State leaders of the BJP. Talking with only Delhi leaders will not help. We have to take them into confidence, and leaders of both parties have to work as a family. There is no hurry. Many of the questions being raised by the media about the alliance will be answered in December," he said.

Regarding the meeting with party MLAs and leaders in Hassan, the former CM said that except for Sharana Gowda Kandakur of Gurmitkal, all the MLAs (18) attended the meeting held on November 7. "Sharana Gowda is in confusion. He is like a family member. We will resolve the issue with him," he said.

Mr. Kumaraswamy said the meeting was convened on the advice of the party's core committee chairman G.T. Deve Gowda, who felt the need for a meeting to convey a message of unity, besides discussing burning issues like drought. "Hence, we chose to hold the meeting in Hassan during the Hasanamba festival," he said.

KSE hints at cracking the whip after Somashekar hits out at BJP with 'jamun-poison' remark

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MYSURU

The internal tussle in the Opposition BJP reached a flashpoint on Wednesday with former Minister S.T. Somashekar, who is allegedly being wooed back by the ruling Congress, heightening the attack at the BJP by accusing it of luring people like him "with *jamun*" while trying to capture power and then dumping them "with poison".

BJP veteran leader K.S. Eshwarappa responded to this sharply by saying that the party knows when to crack the whip against those indulging in mischief and indiscipline.

'Need discipline'

"We need discipline. People have come to our organisation from various parties. We are looking at whom to keep and whom to axe. We don't want to empty the party like Congress," Mr. Eshwarappa told media persons in Bengaluru.

Mr. Somashekar was one of the 17 MLAs who had come from other parties to the BJP, bringing down the then Congress-JD(S) alliance government.

He has been critical of the BJP after the Assembly poll debacle. Speculations were rife that the ruling Congress is keen to get back him to its fold.

Mr. Somashekar claimed in Mysuru that, of late, he was not receiving invitations from the party for its programmes. However, he said former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had advised him against quitting the party and that he was continuing because of the respect he had for the veteran leader.

Mr. Somashekar also questioned the purpose of BJP carrying out a survey of the drought-hit areas in the State. He felt that the BJP leaders should instead bring pressure on the Centre to ensure early release of funds to tackle drought.

Mr. Eshwarappa said: "As many as 17 leaders from other parties came to us. We have not given them poison and except Mr. Somashekar, no one has made such allegations." Stating that BJP cadre considered the party organisation as their mother, he said Mr. Somashekar should not criticise the party as long as he is part of it. "Let him criticise the party after quitting it," he added.

Mekedatu issue will be discussed at next CWMA meeting: DKS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Noting the Congress government's proposal for implementation of the Mekedatu reservoir across the river Cauvery in Kanakapura constituency, Deputy Chief Minister and Water Resources Minister D.K. Shivakumar said the State officials have flagged the Mekedatu project before the 89th meeting of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) and the issue would be discussed at the next meeting of CWMA.

Speaking in New Delhi, Mr. Shivakumar said: "We appeal to the authorities and the Supreme Court to grant permission for execution of the Mekedatu project. This project will help to store water in times of distress and Tamil Nadu will benefit more from the project. How much Cauvery water will remain, how much will flow, how much will be used, complete information will be provided while giving a presentation before the CWMA."

"Tamil Nadu had demanded that 300 tmcft to 400 tmcft of water should be released even in difficult times. Inflow to KRS dam have come to a complete standstill. We have decided to take care of such a situation," Mr. Shivakumar said.

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e-Tender Notice

E-Tenders are invited through GeM portal for Two-Bid system, for availing of warehouse lease with service at Vijayanagara, Koppal and Yadgir Revenue District in FCI, Karnataka Region. Notice Inviting Tender and Tender forms are published in the websites **https://gem.gov.in/** and **www.fci web.nic.in** Tenders should be submitted online at **https://gem.gov.in/** within **3.00 PM on 21/11/2023** for Vijayanagar and on **23.11.2023** for Koppal and Yadgir

महाप्रबंधक (कर्नाटक)
GENERAL MANAGER (KTK)

Sub Court, Devakottai
Sivagangai District Tamilnadu State.
O.S.No. 160/2021

Bharatharajan — Plaintiff
-VS-
Sivaprasath
S/o. Late. Seetharam
Door.No. 978, 46th Cross
11th Main, 3rd Block
Rajaji Nagar Bangalore. — Defendant

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed that the above suit has been filed by the above named Plaintiff Bharatharajan against the defendant Mr. Sivaprasath for recovery of amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only) and since, the defendant is evading from receipt of summons in the above case, the Hon'ble Sub Court, Devakottai was pleased to permit the Plaintiff to effect substituted service by way of paper publication and hence, this notice has been issued calling upon the defendant to appear either in person or through Pleader in the above case on 27.11.2023 before Sub Court, Sivagangai District, Tamilnadu @ 10.30 A.M. falling compliance, the matter will be decided as per Law in your absence.

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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Birthday Remembrance

Srimathi Mandalika Savithri

You live forever in our hearts !

Inserted by:
Surya Prakasa Rao (Husband),
Srinivas & Sruthi (son & daughter-in-law)
Purnima & Dr. Dendukuri Gautam (daughter & son-in-law)
Soumya , Rahul & Ananya (Grandchildren)
and other family members

Srimathi Mandalika Savithri
DOB : 09.11.1947 DOD 16.10.2012

DEATH

OBITUARY
OM SRI LAKSHMI NARASIMHA SAI NAMO NAMAH

T. RAMANAN
15/02/1940 - 04/11/2023
(Retired Group Controller - Risk Management, Hindustan Unilever Ltd.; Ex-Advisor, TATA Group Insurance; Ex-Member, Advisory Board, IRDAI)

With profound grief, we regret to inform the sad demise of Sri Trichur Ramanan, son of the late T.K.Viswanatha Iyer and Ranganayaki Ammal on 4th November 2023. Sri Ramanan was initiated into the study of the Vedas, the Upanishads, Puranas, the Gita, Sanskrit treatises and the Sacred Chantings at an early age. His initiation in the path of Bhakti was blessed by his Acharyas and Gurus.

A doyen of the Insurance and Risk Management industry, he was a man with great vision and a fountainhead of knowledge.

A beloved husband and father, we are eternally grateful for the life he built with us and will cherish his memories forever.

In Grief
Meena Ramanan (Wife); Harish Ramanan (Son)
Family & Friends. Contact: 95000 48623

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
DIRECTORATE FOR WELFARE OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED
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Roc.No. 8551 /A&A/RIGHTS/2023 **TENDER NOTICE** Dated: 08.11.2023

Bids are invited from potential Bidders for Supply of Assessment and Therapy Equipment's for One Stop Centers through e-procurement portal. The complete details are available on the department **website - www.scd.tn.gov.in** as well as on the tender **website-tntenders.gov.in.**

Bids are to be uploaded through e-procurement portal at **http://tntenders.gov.in**

Project Director – TN RIGHTS / Director for welfare the Differently Abled, Chennai-600 005 reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reason.

DIPR/ 5970 /TENDER/2023

Project Director – RIGHTS / Director for Welfare of the Differently Abled

‘Drinking milk is an acquired habit, resulting from around 10,000 years of agriculture’

The co-founder and CEO of Akshayakalpa Organic argues that we are talking about lactose intolerance now because our food habits have changed owing to the fast food culture

INTERVIEW

Shashi Kumar

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

‘In rural India, where there are huge nutrition issues, milk can be a wonderful food,’ says Shashi Kumar.

Though Shashi Kumar, the co-founder and CEO of Akshayakalpa Organic, a farmer entrepreneurship initiative, was born into a farming family, it was never a career path his father wanted him to pursue. “I am not the exception. He educated me out of farming to become an engineer,” recalls Shashi, who went on to spend close to 15 years in the IT industry before going back to his roots in 2010, when he co-founded Akshayakalpa Organic in an attempt to create a sustainable, economically-viable farm model.”

Over the last 13-odd years, the company, seed-funded by 27 technology professionals, has expanded and increased its reach, supplying organic milk, produce, and eggs to over 3 lakh consumers across Bengaluru, Chennai, and Hyderabad. They have also, most recently, entered Maharashtra and are now present in retail and e-commerce stores in Mumbai and Pune. They have also just identified a place in the Manchar area, near Pune, where they plan to set up a production system. “We have been discussing with farm groups, but it will take 4-5 years to establish,” he says, adding that till this is up and running, the milk products will be coming from their 24-acre farm in Tiptur, Karnataka.

In a freewheeling interview, Kumar talks about the journey so far, the benefits offered by organic farming and what lies ahead for the company.

Milk has been villainised for several reasons, including ethics and health. What are your thoughts about it, especially considering there are so many plant-based options in the market today?

Whether we like it or not, milk is the cheapest source of protein for humans. For example, 1 kg of almond milk costs ₹250, while a litter of organic milk is around ₹90 per litre. Also, if you look at a protein-wise comparison between almond milk and this one, it has over 50% more protein. It is a beautiful system that one can fortify and use. In rural India, where there are huge nutrition issues, milk can be a wonderful food.

For a lot of people who are vegetarian and do not take meat, for whom access to protein is a limitation, milk can fill that gap.

Dairy allows you to do local production – something your almonds and oats cannot do. Most of the almonds, nearly 80%, are produced in California. Why do you want to get those almonds to India to drink almond milk? Go to your neighbourhood, work with a farmer, and ask him instead. While I have a lot of respect for the vegan movement, if you want to be successful, you need to go local. It is not good enough to say that I don’t eat dairy.

What about the research that indicates many of us are lactose intolerant?

Milk drinking is an acquired habit, resulting from around 10,000 years of agriculture when we domesticated animals like horses and cows. Our gut has evolved over a period of time to be able to digest milk.

So why are we talking about lactose intolerance? It is because our food habits have changed.

Our gut has an enzyme called lactase that acts on milk and converts lactose into glucose and galactose so the body can absorb it. The lactase action on lactose is a very slow and gradual process, something the body needs.

Today, with the fast-food culture, where we eat a lot of junk food, we have lost the lactase enzyme in the gut. That is the source of the problem, not milk. There is a lot of literature that says that the gut can be re-cultivated with lactose enzyme, and we can start digesting the lactose very easily. It is very important we understand this, or else we will lose access to the cheapest source of protein available.

Why is the farmer entrepreneur so important? How does the Akshayakalpa model help create them?

This is the status quo throughout India right now. Farmers don’t want their children to become farmers because they see it as not profitable. In coastal Karnataka, young men who take up farming don’t get girls to get married to. No parent wants to marry off their daughter to a guy who is a farmer because it now has a stigma.

So, how do you solve this problem? I believe every parent should have a role model farmer in the village who can prove that farming can be very remunerative. Being a farmer, I can take care of my parents, educate my children, build a home, and have a wonderful, healthy life. This is the only way we can encourage people to farm.

At Akshayakalpa, we work closely with the farmer to help him become an entrepreneur. We go to villages, do surveys in the villages, pick up just one farmer in a village, and work with him. We teach him better soil management, do a lot of trenching and bunding, and introduce poultry, bees, greens, and vegetables. It is a 3-year-long journey, a difficult phase. We have gone to 1200 villages and selected 1200 farmers, taking their revenues to ₹1,00,000 every month.

Market access is given, and we continue to deliver backend services. We work in a cluster model. Our first cluster is operated out of Tiptur district in Karnataka. Our second cluster is in Pooriyambakkam, Tamil Nadu, and our third cluster is coming up near Shad Nagar, near Hyderabad. The fourth cluster will be coming up in Manchar, near Pune.

While the Green and White Revolutions have undoubtedly made mistakes, they have been instrumental in feeding a burgeoning population and mitigating hunger. Scalability, therefore, is a very important aspect of food production. Can a model like this be scaled up, or will food produced in an organic system continue to be a somewhat niche product?

What we were trying to do when we set up was to create a role model that we wanted others to copy. There is nothing proprietary about this model, and we need to make it accessible to everyone. One Akshayakalpa cannot do it, but there is nothing holding back other people from imitating this model. We have trained dairies in Jharkhand and Hyderabad, who have copied what we are doing and are now doing it on their own. Others are also welcome to copy this; it is what we want.

I am not criticising the Green Revolution. We had to do what was required then, and we need to do what is required now. We need to go back 100 years and recreate what we were doing back then. And yes, it can be easily scaled up, in my opinion.

Do you see a growth in consumer awareness when it comes to food? Has the organic food narrative changed in any way over the years?

Organic as a concept has a lot of backers from the consumer space, and because of this, the government has come in to ensure that they aren’t being taken for a ride. Consumer demand will change government behaviour. You can’t just write organic and sell something. Today, you have to put the Indian Organic Logo given by APEDA as well as the certification from the Food Safety Standards Association of India (FSSAI). Also, the minimum residual levels in food should be ten times less in organic when compared to conventional. Anyone not following these norms will get into trouble.

The second aspect is that farms are getting more productive. Initially, it was a struggle, but farmers are now seeing the benefit as they are spending less on producing the same food. With more farmers and greater consumer adaptation, economies of scale will come into this industry.

We have done a lot of consumer surveys, and you will be surprised to know that more than 80% of them buy it for their children, even if they buy conventional food for themselves. These children will become organic consumers. Affordability isn’t an issue; it is awareness. If we create awareness, the change will happen.

What are your thoughts about the millet moment in India? Do you think this is a good thing or not from a farming perspective?

How were millets grown earlier? If a guy had one acre of land–he would grow ragi, beans, mustard, a little bit of urad, black gram–a mix of everything in the same cropping system. Here, they are talking about the millets in a monoculture system. What we did in the Green Revolution, we are trying to do with millets.

Millets are hardy, environmentally resistant crops. That should be the narrative rather than glorifying millets, as glorifying things gets us into trouble. It is a good initiative that they are promoting hardy crops, but we need to take a balanced view.

Shashi Kumar

14 Karnataka teens to represent India at UN Summit

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Twelve Bengaluru teens will represent India at United Nation’s 7th Activate Impact Summit in New York on November 30. Organised by 1M1B, a United Nations-accredited nonprofit organisation, the city youth will present their ongoing social, economic, and environmental projects to a 2,000 strong audience of educators, industry experts, government officials and students from across the world.

The Bengaluru bunch, mostly comprising students of class 9th to 12, have multiple ongoing projects that are already benefiting people and creating change on the ground.

16-year-old Renee George’s Aboat Time project has rejuvenated the Doddanekundi Lake in Bangalore and raised one lakh rupees for it. Another 16-year-old, Rishav Sanjay launched Project Raitha that is helping farmers in rural Karnataka use sustainable technology and modern methods for soil health and testing.

“The programme is meticulously identifying and moulding promising young talents into human-centred leaders. Through varied projects, these leaders are working towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and will in turn impact one billion people,” says Manav Subodh, founder of 1M1B.

Apart from students, educators, and industry experts, the summit in New York will see distinguished officials such as Shri Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary of the Industries & Commerce (I&C) and Information Technology (IT) Departments of the Telangana government; Ramadevi Lanka, Director of Emerging Technologies, Telangana; Smt. Sridevasena, Commissioner & Director of School Education, Government of Telangana.

Collaborating with 1M1B's Future Leaders, industry experts and visionary leaders will partake in a transformative event, featuring engaging activities like rocket pitches, power talks, slam poetry.This provides young leaders and students from India a unique networking opportunity with UN representatives igniting inspiration for meaningful action supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

NIMHANS workshop on yoga-vedantic approach to psychotherapy

Many eminent researchers and experienced clinicians shared yoga-vedantic insights

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To explore the intersection of the ancient wisdom of Yoga and Vedanta and modern psychotherapy, the VIPRA Division of the Department of Clinical Psychology at NIMHANS recently organised its annual symposium on Indian Psychology, at a two-day workshop titled “A Yoga-Vedantic Approach to Psychotherapy”.

Started in 2019, the VIPRA (Vedic Indian Psychology Research and Application) Division has been working for the cause of conducting research and application in the area of Vedic and Indian psychology. Apart from research and training, it also runs two clinics Swasthya and Sattva informed by ancient Indian psychological insights.

The two-day workshop delved into the rich tapestry of Yogic and Vedantic traditions, offering an array of psychological-philosophical models that holistically unravel the complexities of the human mind and behaviour. Furthermore, it revealed practical concepts that mental health professionals can seamlessly integrate into their psychotherapy sessions, fostering the profound well-being of their patients.

One of the buildings on the campus of The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuroscience.

Many eminent researchers and experienced clinicians shared yoga-vedantic insights into relationships, parenting, positive mental health, neuroscience of consciousness and psychological problems.

Additionally, the workshop included application-based sessions, including assessments, role play, games and reflective exercises to deepen participants’ learning.

The workshop also focused on the practical applications of insights drawn from the yoga-vedantic tradition in psychotherapy, covering aspects such as assessment and intervention.

According to a press release by NIMHANS, participants explored therapeutic and promotive interventions from the unique perspective of yoga-vedantic tradition, opening new avenues for enhancing mental health practices. Jamuna Rajeshwaran, Professor and Head of the Department of Clinical Psychology at NIMHANS presided over the event.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 9, 1973

Plea to recognise Kannada school

Madras, Nov. 8: Mr. H. Suryanarayana, Secretary, Kannada Sangha, to-day urged the Tamil Nadu Government to grant immediate recognition to the Kannada school run by it in Madras.

He told newsmen that the Sangha started the school in the city a few years ago to fulfil the need of the Kannada speaking people, but so far, the Government had not recognised it despite repeated representations. The Karnataka Government, he said, had already recognised the school for migration purposes and the Director of Public Instruction of that State had written to his counterpart in Tamil Nadu to recognise the school. He pointed out that in Karnataka there were many schools with facilities for teaching Tamil.

Retirement at 55: Decision to Take Effect From Jan.

Bangalore, Nov. 8. The Karnataka Government’s decision to reduce the retirement age from 58 to 55 in the case of teachers and judicial officers will now take effect from January 1, 1974.

Under the latest Government decision, the retirement age will become uniform at 55 years.

In 1968, the State Government had enhanced the retirement age of teachers from 55 to 58 on the plea that the Education Department was facing acute shortage of trained teachers. In 1972, likewise, the retirement age of judicial officers was also raised to 58.

A decade's worth of memories
Scenes from various events and projects conducted by the Sandbox Collective.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Making its way through the cracks

Praveen Sudevan

The birth of theatre group Sandbox Collective was to create a thriving environment for artistes in Bengaluru

Nimi Ravindran and Shiva Pathak's story reads somewhat serendipitous. Their paths first converged in 2003, during the production of a theatre project that would set the stage for an enduring collaboration. What began as a shared endeavour blossomed into a profound connection, driven by a common vision – the desire to bring together Bengaluru's scattered theatre community.

The year 2012 marked a pivotal moment for the duo when they organised The Great Galata, a theatre festival designed to celebrate World Theatre Day. This event was an open invitation to actors, directors and playwrights, held at the iconic Ranga Shankara for four days. "During this time, the theatre community in Bangalore, although scattered, came together. We ate together, collaborated, and supported one another," recalls Nimi.

Over three years, from 2012 to 2014, this experience brought together around 100 artistes, igniting a sense of camaraderie reminiscent of college days. However, the year 2013 marked a turning point, as Nimi and Shiva decided to expand their collaboration and establish an organisation.

Nimi and Shiva's decision to form Sandbox Collective was not only a pursuit of their artistic dreams but also a response to the challenges artistes face in India, including the scarcity of resources, funding, and infrastructure. Recognising the need for a more conducive environment, the Collective was born with the hope that it would eventually benefit the broader artistic ecosystem.

About their motivation to start the Collective, Nimi explains, "Our idea was to create a better environment and infrastructure for ourselves as artistes. We wanted to work every day, be it through rehearsals, rigorous practice, or creating shows that involved travel."

She adds, "Our journey has been characterised by some significant changes. In the first year, it felt like we were experiencing rapid growth due to the sheer number of shows and projects. However, we started with a clear vision of not wanting to produce

commercial work. This meant we did not collaborate with stand-up comedians, not because we didn't appreciate their craft, but because stand-up comedy already had a substantial audience and commercial success."

Ticket to inclusivity

What set Sandbox Collective apart during this period was its approach to ticketing. Instead of fixed ticket prices, they employed donation boxes, allowing audiences to contribute what they could afford. This approach democratised theatre, making it accessible to a broader audience. "We used to perform wherever we could, including people's homes," says Nimi.

These intimate settings helped bridge the gap between the performers and the audience. Instead of the traditional response of 'good show, I enjoyed it' – they allowed for deeper post-show conversations.

However, Nimi acknowledges the challenges they faced. "Financially, this approach was not sustainable because some of the audience, particularly those who were financially well-off, often didn't realise the costs involved in our productions and operations. And yet, we did 120-plus shows every year for the first five years of our existence because it was important and it brought us a lot of joy."

Sandbox Collective also recognises the importance of community-owned art spaces. Shiva reckons, "In today's India, we see the corporatisation of the arts – glitzy buildings and well-funded ventures that beg the question, 'Who is it for?' Maybe there's space for all of that, but we must simultaneously work to create community-owned art spaces that break and oppose the hegemony of these affluent spaces."

Gender Bender

One of the pivotal initiatives of the Sandbox Collective is the Gender Bender festival, a celebration of gender and its multifaceted dimensions. Launched in 2015, with the support of Goethe-Institut/Max Mueller Bhavan, this festival was initially conceived as a small, one-time event. It quickly gained momentum due to unexpected public support. "It made us realise there was a real need for spaces and conversations centered around gender," says Nimi.

The festival is divided into two sections. In one, it showcases the works created by the 10 artistes from various disciplines who have received a Gender Bender grant for that year. The other section features performances, workshops, film screenings and more.

Sandbox Collective has also nurtured a feminist library, a space where the voices of women and gender minorities are amplified.

As Sandbox Collective completes a decade since its inception, the organisation's founders envision a dynamic future. They aspire for it to be a space populated by artistes and individuals passionately dedicated to the arts. "It should constantly change and flow based on what the needs are 10 years from now," says Shiva, "Remember Bruce Lee said, 'Be like water.' We hope Sandbox can be like water and make its way through the cracks."

CITYBEATS

All lit up

NOVEMBER 10 TO 12
A mela has been organised to celebrate Deepavali and it promises to be a visual and cultural extravaganza.
On display are *diyas,* handmade décor, ceramic name plates, phulkari dupattas, oxidised jewellery, Kashmiri products and more.
On at Nexus Mall, Koramangala between 11am and 10pm.

A toast to flavour

ON GOING
Toast & Tonic, Ashok Nagar, has launched a newly-crafted menu. Look forward to dishes created using ingredients such as gobindobhog rice, kalonji, gondhoraj lemons, caper berries, and chocolate (sourced from Kerala), baby prawns, kasundhi mustard, local grains and millets.
Call 9945565483 for details

Mall bound

NOVEMBER 10 TO 14
Lulu Mall, Bengaluru, is organising a Deepavali extravaganza. Besides shopping, the mall has also planned a series live performances.
The events commence with a performance by The Divine Soul on November 10, followed by Kalatva on November 11 and The Taal Project on the 12th, Swaradi on the 13th and Sunny Side Up on the concluding day.

'Open to being bad on screen'

Shilpa Anandraj

Mechanical engineer Prabhik Mogaveer blames his passion for cinema for not taking up an engineering job. "Films fascinate me and one day, on an impulse, I decided to take the plunge," says the young writer, director and producer, who has been in the Kannada film industry for over a decade now.

He is currently working on *Raven,* a psychological thriller. "We are done with all the pre-production work and the shooting will commence soon in and around Bengaluru and Mangaluru". Television actor Dilip Pai (*Road Romeo*) plays a pivotal role in the film, says Prabhik who plays the antagonist. Swapan Shettigar, Kumkum, and Suchendra Prasad are also part of the project.

Prabhik started his acting career with the Kannada film *Nagavalli Vs Apthamithraru*, which was directed by Shankar Arun and featured Vikram Karthik and Vaishnavi Menon. He wrote, directed and produced *Gadiyara* in 2020, which featured

Shades of grey Prabhik and his onscreen persona.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Raj Deepak Shetty, Sharat Lohitashwa, Suchendra Prasad and Sheetal Shetty.

There are two projects, *Shanthiyannu Kaledukollabedi* and an untitled one, Prabhik says which are complete, including post production work. "We are currently in talks to sell them to a production house. Prabhik says, *Gadiyara* despite being released during the pandemic, managed to get noticed. "Though one cannot call it a commercial success, the film created a buzz for us. One does not need money to make a film. One needs talent, planning and strategy."

Raven, which Prabhik has written and produced, besides acted in, is directed by Ved. "He has worked as a film editor for years and is a good friend of mine. He was looking for a project to direct and we decided to collaborate to steer the project ahead."

Open to donning any role on screen, Prabhik says he started his career with a tiny, negative role in *Tanike,* which was followed by *Shantiannu Kaledukollabedi*. "Then came the role of a villain again in *Asurana Kaiyalli Parijata*."

The character has shades of grey which Prabhik says, he enjoyed portraying. "I decided I can play a villain too. I am a huge fan of the late Raghuvaran, and am happy being bad on screen." Prabhik plans to head to Udupi with the cast and crew to complete *Raven*'s shooting schedule. "If all goes well, we plan to release *Raven* in 2024."

GIG GUIDE

Sound check

Anurag Tagat

Alva Kuuto

November 9, 7:30 pm onwards
Fandom at Gilly's Redefined, Koramangala
Tickets: ₹499 via Insider.in, plus ₹500 cover charge at the door

Among the newer acts to emerge in India's rich regional music space within the alternative circuit is Alva Kuuto. It was founded by singer-songwiter Praveen Alva in 2022 so that he could take the music of his native tongue Tulu to wider audiences. While Praveen's own compositions such as 'Ninna Suttaya' has put him on a few radars, Alva Kuuto has taken Tulu music to festivals already, including Mangalore Alive in October. The band comprises Alva on vocals and guitar, Abhilash Shet as bassist, drummer Anshuman Upadhyay and Siddharth Pradeep on the guitar. At Fandom, they will be supported by singer-songwriter Dipanjan Chakraborty. Alva Kuuto, for their part, are inspired by folk, but also bring rock and hip-hop into the mix. "The lyrics touch various aspects of coastal life and its people, expressing personal, social, political and spiritual themes. The band will involve and engage the audience through a narration of stories, memories and emotions, and will present folk melodies in contemporary sensibilities and arrangements," reads the event description.

Mystik Vibes

November 10, 9 pm onwards
The Burrow, Racecourse Road
Tickets: Free, ₹500 cover charge at the door

Around for more than a decade, one of the city's sublime jazz-fusion acts, Mystik Vibes continue their run of shows in the city with a performance at The Burrow on Racecourse Road this week. Comprising tabla player and percussionist Muthu Kumar, Carnatic flautist Amith Nadig and contemporary pianist Aman Mahajan, Mystik Vibes present an intriguing sonic conversation between a Carnatic artiste (Nadig), a Hindustani classical artiste (Kumar) and a jazz pianist (Mahajan). Although they originally had bassist Mishko M'ba in their band after releasing the albums *The Shadow Tree* in 2012 and *Fourth Dimension* in 2017, Mystik Vibes became a trio in the years that followed. Fresh from performing in Thailand and around the city for months, the trio bring a sense of intimacy with their wide-ranging, yet introspective sound.

Just Sisters

November 10, 7 pm onwards
Bangalore International Centre, Domlur II Stage
Tickets: Free, RSVP via bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

A quartet of artists, Just Sisters are primarily a vocal harmony group based out of Auroville near Puducherry. At its core are vocalists Shakti Balu (originally from Ukraine), Kirtana Krishna and Sraddha Sobhan (both from India). While Balu also takes on keyboard duties on stage, Just Sisters is completed by percussionist Tommaso D'Avanzo from Italy. With Balu as chief arranger and harmonist, accompanied by Krishna and Sobhan as soprano and alto harmonies, Just Sisters performs music inspired by the 1950s, including the Andrews Sisters, Lambert, Hendricks and Ross. Performing at the Bangalore International Centre (BIC), the organiser adds in their note about the event, "Their repertoire includes popular jazz and Latin classics arranged for three-part harmony, and sung in English, French and Portuguese." The group stops by BIC as part of a mini-tour, which also includes a performance in Kochi on November 12, put together by event company Heartland.

DVS announces retirement from electoral politics

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

D. V. Sadananda Gowda

Former Chief Minister and Lok Sabha member D.V. Sadananda Gowda has announced his retirement from electoral politics.

Speaking to pressperson in Hassan on Wednesday, he said: "I have decided not to continue in electoral politics." He said he had been given enough opportunities by the party. "My party has given me everything. Besides B.S. Yediyurappa, I am the number one beneficiary of the party," he said.

For some months now, there have been rumours that Mr. Gowda might not get BJP ticket to contest the polls in 2024. With JD(S) and BJP forming an alliance, the rumour that he might be overlooked has gotten stronger.

Mr. Gowda said he had been an MLA for 10 years and an MP for 20 years. "I was Chief Minister for a year, Leader of Opposition for one-and-a-half-year, Deputy Leader of Opposition for five years, worked as State president of the party for four-and-a-half-year, and had the opportunity to serve the country as Minister in the Narendra Modi-led Cabinet for seven years. If a politician is not satisfied with all these opportunities, he is selfish," he said.

Mr. Gowda was Chief Minister of Karnataka from August 2011 to July 2012, following resignation of his mentor Mr. Yediyurappa in an illegal mining case. He was replaced by Jagadish Shettar. He has served as Union Minister for Railways, Chemicals and Fertilisers, Law and Justice and Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Wild elephant electrocuted

The Hindu Bureau
CHITTOOR

A wild elephant was electrocuted after it reportedly came in contact with a power transformer in an agriculture field at Gantavari Palli village of Chittoor district in Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday.

A herd of wild elephants entered the thickets of Sadum mandal a few days ago. On Wednesday, an elephant, which got separated from the herd and entered the fields, came in contact with a transformer and was electrocuted. Forest officials arranged a postmortem.

SC refuses to vacate order on temple priests in Tamil Nadu

Court had passed interim order on September 25 on the basis of a series of petitions; it was alleged that the State was attempting to appoint 'non-believers' as Archakas in Agamic temples

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

> Let the *status quo* order of Supreme court continue. Heavens will not fall.
> **JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH**
> SC judge

The Supreme Court on Wednesday did not vacate or modify its September 25 interim order issuing *status quo* in the Archakaship in temples governed by the age-old Agamas in Tamil Nadu.

The *status quo* order was passed on the basis of a series of petitions alleging that the State government was attempting to appoint "non-believers" as Archakas (priests), contrary to the Agamas (post-Vedic scripture of ritual knowledge).

"Let our *status quo* order continue. Heavens will not fall," Justice M.M. Sundresh, on a Bench headed by Justice A.S. Bopanna said, listing the case for January 25, 2024.

Senior advocate Dushyant Dave, appearing for the State government, urged the court to lift the stay order. Mr. Dave said the *status quo* order would freeze the filling of 2,405 vacancies for Archakaship in the Agamic temples. Further, it would impact the required training contemplated for persons who had completed courses from the Archaka training school. "This will cause great hardship in performing poojas in Agamic temples," he stressed.

The government had filed an urgent application for the vacation of the interim order on the petitions filed by several parties, including All India Adi Saiva Sivacharyargal Seva Association, represented by senior advocates Guru Krishnakumar, P. Valliappan and advocate G. Balaji, to quash the government directives in July and August to "train persons in the performance of poojas/ceremonies/rituals, contrary to the Agamas".

Senior advocates C.S. Vaidyanathan and Vikas Singh, also for the petitioners arraigned against the State government, said the government, by "appointing and transferring Archakas, has virtually taken over the running of the Agama temples".

Mr. Dave countered that appointments were a secular function of the government.

CCB files chargesheet against Chaitra and aides

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The right-wing activist and her associates were arrested for cheating a businessman

Close to two months after the arrest of right-wing activist Chaitra and her associates for cheating a businessman of ₹5 crore promising an MLA ticket from the Bharatiya Janata Party, the CCB officials filed a chargesheet against them at the 3rd ACMM court on Wednesday.

8,000 pages

The officials filed around 8,000 pages of chargesheet containing over 68 witness statements along with the statement of the accused and complainants and the supporting evidence in the form of audio and video clips.

The mobile data retrieved, chat history, and other digital evidence will corroborate their criminal activities and conspiracy, criminal breach of trust, criminal conspiracy, cheating and impersonation, chargesheet alleged.

The accused, including Chaitra, Srikanth, Gagan Kadur, Halashri seer, and Dhanraj, are among the seven people named in the chargesheet for cheating Govinda Babu Pujary by promising an MLA ticket and claiming that they have close proximity with RSS and top BJP leaders.

The CCB officials recovered ₹4.11 crore, including ₹1.8 crore, from Chaitra, where she invested in a cooperative bank and used the rest of the money on buying a brand new car and also spent the money on the construction of a house.

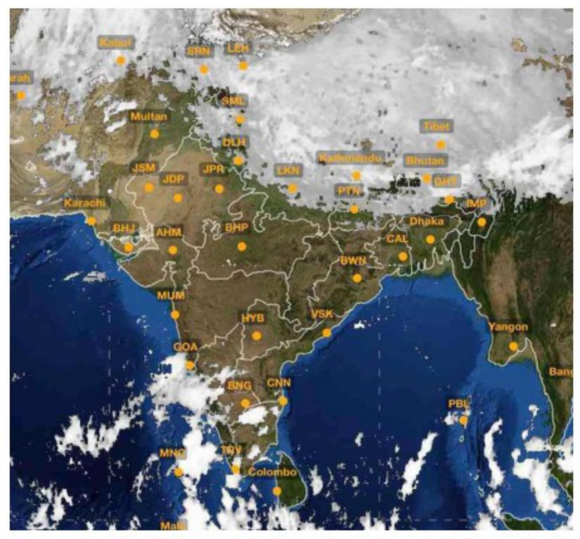
The police also recovered cash worth ₹20 lakhs and valuables worth ₹26 lakh from her.

Judicial custody

Right now, Chaitra and her associates are in judicial custody, waiting for CCB to complete the investigation and file chargesheet so that they could apply for bail.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Tamil Nadu and Kerala

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	30.2	18.8	Kozhikode	4	33.2	25.8
Ahmedabad	—	35.6	20.1	Kurnool	43	34.2	23.7
Aizawl	—	27.0	15.7	Lucknow	—	30.3	15.8
Allahabad	—	33.3	16.6	Madurai	—	31.7	23.4
Bengaluru	29	28.2	20.5	Mangaluru	25	30.6	24.1
Bhopal	—	33.2	16.9	Mumbai	—	34.8	23.8
Bhubaneswar	—	31.2	21.4	Mysuru	6	29.0	22.0
Chandigarh	—	30.1	15.3	New Delhi	—	30.3	15.1
Chennai	—	32.6	25.1	Patna	—	30.4	18.7
Coimbatore	—	31.4	22.0	Port Blair	—	31.8	25.3
Dehradun	—	28.8	12.0	Puducherry	—	31.4	24.6
Gangtok	—	17.8	11.8	Pune	—	30.9	22.9
Goa	99.4	34.0	21.2	Raipur	—	32.0	18.9
Guwahati	—	31.1	19.4	Ranchi	—	27.7	14.6
Hubballi	—	27.0	22.0	Shillong	—	20.4	10.0
Hyderabad	11	30.0	22.7	Shimla	—	18.6	10.4
Imphal	—	27.5	13.0	Srinagar	—	18.4	2.0
Jaipur	—	32.5	19.0	Thiruvananthapuram	0.5	31.0	24.7
Kochi	—	30.4	26.0	Tiruchi	—	31.3	23.6
Kohima	—	22.9	11.0	Vijayawada	—	32.4	25.4
Kolkata	—	30.8	21.6	Visakhapatnam	—	32.5	26.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.20	.87	.43	205	210	
Bengaluru	6	11	.44	54	55	
Chennai	.28	.40	.49	45	38	
Delhi	.24	214	100	440	446	
Hyderabad	7	.56	.47	50	45	
Kolkata	.15	.81	.28	276	182	
Lucknow	6	.73	109	331	311	
Mumbai	6	.83	116	145	135	
Pune	125	200	111	236	138	
Visakhapatnam	8	.37	.55	148	138	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 478 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ariyalur, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 17

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Dr.Y.S.R. HORTICULTURAL UNIVERSITY
Admn. Office: Venkataramannagudem, Tadepalligudem-534 101, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.

Notification for Admission into M.Sc.(Hort.) and Ph.D.(Hort.) Programmes - 2023-24

Advt. No. 1(PGS) /Acad./2023, Dated: 09-11-2023

Applications are invited for admission into disciplines of M.Sc.(Horticulture) from candidates of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana (as per applicability) and Other States (outside state quota) and Ph.D.(Horticulture) programme for the candidates of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana (as per applicability) who qualified and secured rank in subject group of ICAR-AIEEA (PG)-2023 & ICAR-AICE-JRF/SRF (Ph.D)-2023. For application forms and other details, please visit website: https://drysrhu.ap.gov.in

DIPR 2465PP/CL, Dt: 08-11-2023 Sd/- REGISTRAR

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office Of The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Chitradurga

No.EE:PWD:CTA:AE-1,JE-2:Tender-18:2023-24/2148 Dt:- 07.11.2023

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through e-Procurement Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work:- One cover System:- Head of Account 8443 DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION (1) **CONSTRUCTION OF NADAKACHERI OF DEPUTY TAHASILDAR AT RAMPUR , MOLAKALUMURU TALUK (WORK INDENT 5298)/2nd call. Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:- 18.84** (2) **Improvements to road from SH-47 to Kesaru Katte tank bund, Construction of protection wall and platform in Holalkere town Sub estimate-Beautification of Tank Bund (for statue and platform) in Holalkere Town. (W.I. 1826)/Call-2. Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:- 53.00**

Tender dates are as mentioned below: (1) Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 22-11-2023 Time: 17.30 (2) Last Date & time for receipt of tenders:- 23-11-2023 Time: 16.00 (3) Date & time for opening of Financial Bid:- 24-11-2023 Time: 16.15. Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/320/2023-24 Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD, Chitradurga.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites bid against the following enquiries;

1) No.CEE/TZB/SEE(O)/AEE-5/F-1827/2023-24/13609-12 Date: 07.11.2023

Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/PTK-229 B V Halli (Call - 4) for Providing **additional 1x12.5MVA**, 66/11kV Power transformer along with 11kV switchgear and Capacitor bank at **66/11kV B.V.Halli Sub-station** in Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District.

2) CEE/TZB/SEE(O)/AE-2/2023-24/13613-16 Date: 07.11.2023

Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/PTK-245 (CALL-2) Gowribidanur for Providing **additional 1x20MVA**, 66/11kV Power transformer along with 11kV switchgear and Capacitor bank at **220/66/11kV Gowribidanur Sub-station** in Gowribidanur Taluk & Chikkaballapura District.

Fo the above works including supply of all materials **(Excluding Power Transformer & 11kV Switchgear)**/ equipment and erection (including Civil works) of all materials/ equipments, testing and commissioning on **Partial Turnkey Basis.**

The Bids will be received through electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging into e-procurement website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after For Sl. No. 1: **27.11.2023** and For Sl. No. 2: **10.11.2023.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer, Electy., Transmission Zone, KPTCL, A. R.Circle, Bengaluru-09. Ph: 080-22282601/602.**

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division (West) Joint Commissioner (West) Office Premises, 2nd Floor, Sampige Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru - 560 020.

No: EE/P-W/TEND/08/2023-24 Date: 08.11.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through **GOK kpp Portal** only)

The Executive Engineer, Project Division, West Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works/Category	Estimate Cost (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
	Single Cover System		
1	Repair and Maintenance work for Parks in Malleshwaram Constituency (SC)	35.00	35,000/-
2	Repair and Maintenance work for Parks in Gandhinagara Constituency (Others)	21.50	50,000/-
3	Repair and Maintenance work for Parks in Rajajinagara Constituency (Others)	32.00	64,000/-
4	Repair and Maintenance work for Parks in Chamarajapete Constituency (ST)	6.50	8,125/-
	Two Cover System		
5	Repair and Maintenance work for Parks in Govindrajanagara Constituency (SC)	68.50	68,500/-
6	Repair and Maintenance work for Parks in Mahalakshmi Layout Constituency (Others)	56.50	1,13,000/-

Time Schedule / Calendar of Events

1.	Tender documents may be downloaded through e-portal from:	10.11.2023 Onwards
2.	Date and Time of Pre-Bid Meeting on:	15.11.2023 at 3:00 pm
3.	Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders	20.11.2023 upto 4:00 pm
4.	Opening of Technical Bid	22.11.2023 at 4:30 pm
5.	Opening of Financial Bid	24.11.2023 at 4:30 pm (If Possible)

This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: www.bbmp.gov.in. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project (West)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client **Mrs. KSHAMA BHATIA @ KSHAMA SHAH BHATIA**, Aged about 61 years, Wife of Mr. Gopal Bhatia, Residing at No.801, Delphi-3, Prestige Acropolis 20, Hosur Road, Next to Forum Mall, Koramangala, Bangalore South - 560029, being the owner of property bearing Site No. 122, having Property Identification No.150200102300126054, Katha No.1188/122, formed in converted Sy.No.513, [vide Conversion Order No. ALN.SR(A)184:1995-96 dated 31.10.1995, issued by Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore Sub-division, Bangalore], Situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring East to West:55.11 feet and North to South: 98.00 feet, totally measuring 5,400 Square feet (out of 78 ft x 98 ft =7,644 Sq.ft) affirm that the Original Sale deed dated 28.11.1998, which is registered as Document No.3257/1998-99, of Book-1, registered on 01.03.1999, in the office of the Sub-registrar, Anekal, Bangalore District, has been lost/misplaced and is not in position to trace the above said original document. Our client has Complained Ref. No.0784219/2023, on 28.10.2023, before the Bengaluru City Police Unit, about the said lost/misplaced document.

Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to us or anyone having any sort of claim over the said property may lodge their objections in writing along with evidence, within 7 days from this day to the undersigned.

LAW PARK ASSOCIATES JUSTICE ON YOUR SIDE

Sd/- Smt. Lavanya, Advocate
LAW PARK ASSOCIATES,
No.19/A-1, 14th B Cross, 2nd A Main,6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102. helpdesk@lawpark.in
Dated: 08-11-2023

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(VARAHI HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement portal only)

Tender is invited from eligible contractors through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for the works of **(1)** KPCL/2023-24/DA/WORK_INDENT719/Call-2 Date:03.11.2023 **"Improvements to rain gauge stations at Varahi & Chakra Projects"** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 8.86 Lakhs.** EMD: Rs. **22,200/-.** Last date for tender submission: **20.11.2023 up to 3.00 P.M. (2)** KPCL/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT843 Date:03.11.2023 **"Improvements to High School & Higher Primary School at Masthikatte Colony".** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 12.61 Lakhs.** EMD: Rs. **60,000/-.** Last date for tender submission: **21.11.2023 up to 3.00 P.M.** The details of NIT & tender documents can also be seen on website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be obtained from **Executive Engineer (Civil), Masthikatte-577448, Hosanagara, Shivamogga District. Phone:9449598842**

ZOO AUTHORITY OF KARNATAKA
Office of The Executive Director & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapur
HosapeteTq Vijayanagar Dist, Karnataka State.
Email: eddcfabvzp81@gmail.com Tel No: 08394-295289

No: ABVZP/T.W/MS/Sheet/102/2022-23Dated:08-11-2023

ITEMWISE TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Member Secretary, Executive Director and Deputy Conservator of Forest Department of Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) has published item wise Tender notification forProviding **MS Sheet** for overhanging portion of existing peripheral fencing atShriAtalBihari Vajpayee Zoological Park Kamalapur under the division with KW-4 Conditions & regulations.

Indent No: ZAK/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT11/Call-2. **Estimated Cost (in Rupees):** Rs.2,75,00,000.00. **EMD (in Rupees):** Rs.4,12,500.00

Tender shall be submitted in e-procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.inlast date of submission of tender is **14.12.2023** within **5.30 PM**. Opening of Technical bid on **15.12.2023** after **11.30 AM** and Financial bid on **19.12.2023** after **11.30AM**.

More details can be obtained from the office of the under signed during office hours. Any amendment of modifications in tender notification will be published on e-procurement portal.

SD/- Executive Director & Deputy Conservator of Forest, AtalBihari Vajpayee Zoological Park Kamalapur, HospetTq, Vijayanagar Dist.
DIPR/Vijayanagar/212/KSMCA/2023-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the properties from the respective owners more fully mentioned and described in the Schedule hereunder. The Owners represent that they are the absolute owners of their respective properties, and that they have a good marketable, right, title and interest therein and apart from them, there are no other person/s having any right or claim over the Schedule Properties. The Owners further represent that, except, (a) the Agreement of Sale executed by Sri. Narasimha Reddy and others in favour of Sri. Niranjan and others for sale of property bearing Sy. No. 140/1 measuring 09 guntas and; (b) Agreement of Sale executed by Sri. K. N. Narayana Murthy in favour of Smt. Roopa N. V. for sale of property bearing Sy. No. 140/1 measuring 8 1/4 guntas and 07 guntas of land situated at Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, (both of which properties shall be purchased by our client after cancellation of the these Agreements mentioned herein), they have not entered into any Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding etc., nor have mortgaged, created any, right, title, interest, lien or encumbered any portion in the above survey numbers or from the Schedule Properties mentioned hereunder in any manner with any person/s. Any person/s having objection/s or claims, shall, with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s or claims within Fifteen (15) days from the date of this Notice with the Undersigned, failing which, our client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction.

Schedule

All that piece and parcel of the lands situated at Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, mentioned here below.

Sl. No	Name of the Owner/s	Sy No.	Extent		Boundaries			
			Acre	Guntas	East by	West by	North by	South by
					JIGANI VILLAGE			
1.	Sri.A. Vijay Kumar	140/3	00	9.01	Sy. No.141	Road	Sy. No.139	Remaining portion in the same Sy. No.
2.	Sri.A. Vijay Kumar	140/1	00	09	Private Property	Road	Private Property	Private Property
3.	Sri.A. Vijay Kumar and Sri. N. Narasimha Reddy	140/3	00	23.12	Sy. No. 141	Road	Remaining portion in the same Sy. No.	Sy. No. 140/2
4.	Sri. K. N. Narayana Murthy	140/1	00	1.01	Remaining portion in the same Sy. No.	Road	Pvt. Property	Pvt. Property

Sl No	Name of the Owner/s	Sy No.	Extent		Boundaries			
			Acre	Guntas	East by	West by	North by	South by
5.	Sri. K. N. Narayana Murthy	140/1	00	8 1/4	Pvt. Property	Road	Remaining portion in the same Sy. No.	Remaining portion in the same Sy. No.
6.	Sri. K. N. Narayana Murthy	140/1	00	11.08	Pvt. Property	Pvt. Property	Remaining portion in the same Sy. No.	Road
7.	Sri. K. N. Narayana Murthy	140/1	00	2.15	Pvt. Property	Road	Property of of K.N. Narayana Murthy	Property of K.N. Narayana Murthy
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Reviewing freedom

Steps to end malicious reviews should not lead to curbs on film criticism

An ongoing case before the Kerala High Court on restricting negative reviews of films in the first few days of their release constitutes an interesting as well as challenging free speech issue. The court has taken on the task of distinguishing genuine film criticism from attempts to destroy a movie's prospects of success through malicious comments, or by threatening to post negative reviews with a view to extorting money. It appears that the court is aware of the implications of any move to restrict or curb disparaging reviews for free speech and freedom of expression, but it remains to be seen how it will be able to balance the commercial interests of film-makers and the freedom of reviewers. Film director Mubeen Rauf had approached the court for a direction to the Information and Broadcasting Ministry and the State Information Technology Department, among others, to ensure that social media influencers and film reviewing vloggers do not publish any reviews of his film *Aromalinte Adyathe Pranayam* in social media for at least seven days from the date of its release. Remarks and observations made so far in interlocutory orders suggest that the court's focus is mainly on those who either post anonymously or vloggers with unknown credentials who trash films within hours of their release with apparently malicious intent, and do not threaten the freedom of film reviewers with acknowledged expertise and experience.

In an order on October 25, Justice Devan Ramachandran directed that "a close watch on the online platforms shall be maintained, to ensure that anonymous *mala fide* content is not allowed to circulate; and necessary action under the provisions of the "IT Act" [Information Technology Act] shall be taken and implemented scrupulously without delay". Interestingly, the order also notes that apparently due to the very pendency of these proceedings, the film made by the petitioner had a good run at the box office as it was spared "review bombing", the term that has gained currency for the phenomenon of deliberate spoiling of a film's prospects. The Union government is expected to file its response soon, but a word of caution will be in order. The court's observation in its latest order that the freedom of those involved in making a film should not be sacrificed at the altar of the "unbridled freedom of expression" of those acting under the impression that they are not governed by any parameters or regulations should not lead to a verdict either curbing the freedom to critically analyse a film or an attempt to restrict the art of criticism. After all, making and reviewing a film are both two aspects of the same right to free speech.

Poll timing

The extension of free rice should not have been announced at election rally

The Union government's move to extend the free foodgrains scheme for the next five years is welcome as it will continue to provide food security to large sections of vulnerable people. Based on National Food Security Act (NFSA) entitlements, the scheme, the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), benefits about 80.4 crore people, under the categories of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (poorest of the poor) and priority households. They will continue to receive five kg of rice or wheat or coarse grains a person every month. The provision of free foodgrains was introduced at the all-India level during the COVID-19 pandemic, though in vogue in States such as Tamil Nadu. At the time, the entitlements of NFSA beneficiaries were doubled and the nomenclature of PMGKAY was affixed. Between April 2020 and December 2022, 1,015 lakh tonnes were distributed at a subsidy of ₹3.45 lakh crore. At the end of 2022, the Centre announced free grains under the normal entitlements to States and Union Territories for a year while discontinuing the enhanced entitlement.

On the flip side, the way in which the latest move is sought to be implemented raises questions. At an election rally last week in Durg, Chhattisgarh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made the announcement, which should be viewed as a violation of the model code of conduct as Mr. Modi used his official position to talk about the extension of the scheme (due to lapse at the end of next month). There was no urgency on his part to have made the announcement then, and in an election rally, especially when there was sufficient time to do so even after the declaration of results, scheduled for December 3. The purpose seems to have been to impress voters, and reap political dividends. There is a view linking the PMGKAY's previous avatar to the Bharatiya Janata Party's victory in the 2022 Assembly election in Uttar Pradesh. Even the Congress, which criticised the announcement as an "indication of the continuing economic distress and growing inequalities," did not find anything amiss. The scheme is meant for the entire country and not just the five States facing elections – they account for roughly 17% of the total beneficiaries. On the fiscal front, the extension may not cause serious problems as the food subsidy bill is about 7.5% of the revenue receipts of the Union government. On an average, the economic cost of rice and wheat grew by 5.7% annually over the last seven years. Also, the extension will cost about ₹15,000 crore more each year, which is manageable. However, governments, Centre and States, should ensure the elimination of leakages in the Public Distribution System so that the benefits of the extension go to the deserving.

An under-discussed facet of colonial history

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This year marks the bicentenary of the arrival of Tamil indentured labourers in Sri Lanka (in November 1823), a milestone recently commemorated in Colombo at an event called "*Naam* 200", where I delivered an address on this woefully under-discussed facet of our colonial history. I have often said that history belongs in the past, but understanding it is the duty of the present. There are still millions of Indians and Sri Lankans alive who remember – and lament – the depredations of the British Empire in our countries. The United Kingdom may have lapsed into imperial amnesia, but the former colonies cannot: so we ought to remember, time and again, the forces that made and nearly unmade us.

The British imperial project began as licensed looting in service of the crudest form of capitalism. Britain avariciously drained its colonies, depriving them of their resources, economic strength and political freedom, until they were reduced to a state of poverty and desolation. In India they decimated our textile industries, rendering millions unemployed, and hurled thousands of Indian farmers into indigence by purloining their lands for opium cultivation. Their policies created legions of poor, landless and hungry people in need of work to survive.

A new form of bondage

Ironically, as the British went about pillaging India, a wave of liberal humanism wafted through Europe. Slavery, at long last, came to be considered reprehensible, and the British duly banned it in their colonies, only to replace it with another kind of bonded servitude, euphemistically christened "indentured labour". The economies of most British domains had thus far run on slavery; and the labour crisis that followed Abolition led to a soaring demand for workers from India to work on plantations and infrastructure projects in the Caribbean, Fiji, Réunion, Natal, Malaysia, Singapore and, of course, Sri Lanka. Press-ganged indentured labour was the answer.

The destitute Indians dispatched to these distant lands could scarcely imagine the fates awaiting them, misled as they were about the work they would undertake, the wages they would receive, the quarters where they would dwell, and – shockingly – even the countries they were sailing to. Having survived a perilous sea voyage, most labourers reached their destination mired in debt, for they had to pay for their own exorbitant fare – under a fiendish rule not changed till 1922.

As soon as they reached those unfamiliar lands, they were confined to massive plantations and construction sites. Many Tamils arriving in Sri Lanka perished on the arduous trek from the coast to the Central highlands. Those who made it were compelled to reside in agonising squalor, with no access to sanitation, running water, medical facilities or schools for their children. It was not without reason that the British historian Hugh Tinker called indentured labour "a new kind of slavery."

> The bicentenary of the arrival of Tamil indentured labourers in Sri Lanka also points to the unfulfilled task of nation-building in the island-nation

Sri Lankan tea and the Indian Tamil

Sri Lanka today is a redoubtable producer and exporter of tea, but its first plantations were not of tea but of coffee. In the 1870s, the rapid spread of a fungal disease led to a blight that caused the disappearance of coffee from Sri Lankan plantations, paving the way for the more fecund and profitable crop, whose estates increased manifold. While coffee requires only three workers for every 10 hectares of cultivation, tea requires at least eight, and as such, demands far more intensive, and perennial field labour. This augmented requirement of workers, compounded with the shortfall caused by the abolition of slavery, sparked a massive organised transfer of Indian Tamils to Sri Lanka.

Of course, the migration of the first Tamils to the island nation far preceded the arrival of the Plantation Tamils in Ceylon in the 19th century. However, what distinguished the Plantation Tamils from Tamil migrants of antiquity was the fact that the British denied them even the most basic rights and services. They were subjected to discrimination soon after setting foot in Sri Lanka. Like earlier communities of South Indian origin, Plantation Tamils forged a distinct Sri Lankan identity, but colonial practices and policies deemed them "foreigners", thus rendering them stateless and blocking well-trodden paths to assimilation. By placing Plantation Tamils under the categories of "aliens and resident strangers" and subsequently calling them "Indian Tamils", the colonial state made it arduous for them to assimilate into Sri Lankan society. Independence was no better: the Citizenship Act of 1948 rendered them stateless. Few were paid a fair wage or ever knew the privacy of their own room. Women tea-pluckers toiled all day in the plantations without any toilet facilities. Displacement and disenfranchisement were their lot.

Exacerbating their travails, moreover, was the deleterious system of sub-contractors called *kanganies*, labour recruiters and overseers who played a dominant role in the recruitment, management – and exploitation – of Indian labourers on plantations. Once recruited, the worker unwittingly forfeited his autonomy to the *kangani*, who accompanied him on the voyage to the plantations, and acted as the intermediary between him and estate managers once he began working on the estates.

Unlike indentured workers who were technically entitled to demand passage home after the end of the indenture period, the Plantation Tamils had no deliverance from the horrors of the *kangani* system – even after their service period elapsed. Their contracts with the *kanganies* were vague, allowing for their greater abuse at the hands of the recruiter, who – being someone they knew– would often persuade them to borrow money, plunging them in debt they could never afford to pay off. Nor could the Plantation Tamils buy land and build houses, for colonial laws restricted landholding to those "domiciled" in Ceylon, which the British planters and officers construed as excluding them.

An identity and a journey of integration

The Plantation Tamils found the local conditions in Sri Lanka conducive to the creation of an identity anchored in Tamil linguistic and literary traditions, and Tamil values and ideals. They identified themselves more with who they were linguistically and regionally than with a pan-Indian nationality or religion. Over a span of several generations, though, they strove towards greater integration with the mainstream of Sri Lankan society, encountering several man-made obstacles such as the Citizenship Act of 1948, which rendered them stateless in the process.

With commendable fortitude, the Plantation Tamils grappled with the challenges besetting them, carving a place for themselves in Sri Lankan society. Thanks to the efforts of democratic parties such as the Ceylon Workers' Congress, they are now all citizens with the democratic right to vote, and the government speaks of dividing the plantations so as to make workers the owners of the land they work on – a project still in the planning stage but with immense potential. In reaffirming their identity as the descendants of those who were dispatched to Sri Lanka from India, they have reclaimed their heritage as the Plantation Tamils who are also equal and prominent citizens of Sri Lanka. Theirs has been a valorous, subaltern struggle for equality and self-determination, and merely thinking of it fills me with admiration.

It is important that post-colonial countries take effective steps to de-colonise themselves from the practices, laws and attitudes of our imperial masters. Too often, post-colonial nations adopt the same tools introduced by the colonisers to continue the practices of systematic oppression. Sometimes there is little difference between the two systems, only the skin colour and names of the rulers change. As Sri Lanka looks forward to economic and social revival and the integration of all its communities, decolonisation must be at the heart of it. Forging a post-colonial, inclusive identity for all its people remains the unfulfilled task of nation-building in Sri Lanka.

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Taiwan, a Malacca blockade and India's options

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With China frequently intimidating Taiwan over the past year through deployment of its air force and navy in the surrounding areas, there is the oft-posed question whether India would take action in the Strait of Malacca or the Andaman Sea in the event of a conflict between the United States and China over Taiwan. Any speculative action in the Strait of Malacca or the Andaman Sea would involve either a naval blockade against commercial shipping or China's key trade and energy sea lines of communication or military action against Chinese naval vessels. The fact is that commercial shipping as well as naval vessels of any country have a right to freedom of navigation on the high seas. A naval blockade against commercial shipping is not feasible.

India's options, the constraints

There are multiple constraints in regard to India's options in the Strait of Malacca. First, "distant blockades" away from a belligerent nation's geography can be challenged under international law. Second, the trade that passes through the Strait of Malacca is not just China's economic and energy lifeline. An overwhelming volume of the trade of Japan, South Korea and even India itself passes through the same Strait. Third, the channel of the Strait of Malacca is long, nearly 500 miles, and involves the sovereignty of other states such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore who would all be affected adversely by a naval blockade. The affected countries are unlikely to support a naval blockade. Fourth, commercial shipping is extremely complex to identify in terms of the sovereignty of the vessel, flag, registration, insurance and ownership of cargo. And these are often multinational in nature and can also be changed as convenient through transshipment at any port in Southeast Asia. Fifth, apart from the fact that it is difficult to interdict China's trade and energy supplies, the additional reality is that even if the Strait of Malacca were "choked", shipping can take a detour either through the Sunda or the Lombok Straits to reach China. In any case, very large crude carriers carrying crude or natural gas to China do not use the Strait of Malacca which is shallower. They use the Sunda Strait. Sixth, China also has a huge onshore and floating Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) which can help it tide over disruptions, especially with growing overland energy supplies from Russia and Central Asia.

> There are limitations to what India can do in the event of a U.S.-China conflict over Taiwan

A naval blockade or unilateral action against an adversary's naval vessels would tantamount to a declaration of war; at the very minimum, it could lead to a conflict, not necessarily limited to the maritime sphere. Regional countries which are adversely affected by disruption in the Strait of Malacca, including friendly countries, are unlikely to endorse any unilateral action. China would use its permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council and regional influence to good effect to thwart any such effort.

Lessons from the past

It is also relevant to note that in both the First and the Second World wars, a naval blockade and sanctions led to conflagrations. During the First World War, the British blockade of Germany which lasted from 1914-19 saw Germany retaliating against British shipping on the high seas with its submarines (U-boats) with deadly effect. Subsequent developments, including the Battle of Jutland in 1916 and the sinking of U.S. merchant vessels by German U-boats eventually drew the U.S. into the First World War. During the Second World War, the U.S. had embargoed Japan's energy supplies which ran through the maritime commons, which probably played a key role in Japan's decision to launch the attack on Pearl Harbour in December 1941.

The ongoing tensions between Iran and the U.S. in the Strait of Hormuz are emblematic of the proposition that interdiction of even commercial shipping can easily lead to a military flare-up. Whenever Iran has attempted to disrupt the passage of internationally flagged oil tankers, it has immediately escalated the situation with the U.S. responding by sending its naval and air assets in the region to confront the Iranian vessels.

Conflict scenarios

The larger question in the context of the Strait of Malacca that remains to be answered is whether any of India's strategic partners, especially the U.S., would support any interdiction of Chinese vessels in a bilateral conflict between India and China, unless the U.S. itself were involved in a kinetic conflict with China. Even in such a scenario, there is perhaps no guarantee of support by other stakeholders in the region, especially the South-East Asian nations.

To the extent that a full-blown U.S.-China conflict over Taiwan sends ripples across the Indian Ocean, India's primary role may be limited to a proactive defence of its territorial interests and the security of its sea lines of communication and those of its strategic partners in the eastern and western India Ocean.

In any such eventuality, India's primary focus would remain on its continental borders with China.

India has traditionally faced China's military threats on its borders essentially on its own. The new U.S.-India partnership in the economic, high-tech and military areas is expected to strengthen in the years ahead. The U.S. increasingly regards India as regional ballast for stability in the region. A robust India with a strong economy, nuclear deterrence capability and a credible military can contribute to multi-polarity in the Indo-Pacific.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spare the court

Why must the Supreme Court be dragged into matters such as pollution (stubble burning) and the bursting of crackers? In both cases, the cause and the effect are palpable and visible to citizens. Yet, we seem to be lacking in 'C sense' (common sense/ citizen sense). By no stretch of logic are these issues "disputes" that need intervention by any court of law.

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IITs, pressure points

It is a matter of concern that the crown jewels of India's higher education system could be staring at a crisis. An overexpansion is destroying the quality of a prestigious name. The Editorial page article (November 4) itself says the new IITs have struggled to meet the high standards of the legacy institutes. A surprising thing is that all the IITs have their own rules; there are no common rules because they change according to the interests of the director. Students pursuing a PhD face issues in terms of submission on time. There needs to be a good look at why 1,852 PhD seats are still empty.

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The concerns raised *vis-à-vis* the expansion of IITs overseas cannot be viewed as mere apprehensions. It must be ensured that all the IITs have the same levels of excellence.

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Australia's win

Glenn Maxwell showed immense character to win the game for Australia ('Sport' page, November 8). It was an innings that could have been cut short because of cramps, but the tenacity he showed to hang in there and take the team home would rank it as one of the best.

Players like Maxwell are the reason why we can say that the game of cricket is in safe hands. Afghanistan can still hold their heads high.

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Move towards e-FIR, but with caution

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The Law Commission of India, in Report No. 282, recommended that "in cases where the accused is not known, registration of an e-FIR should be allowed for all cognisable offences". If the accused is known, as a preliminary step, registration of an e-FIR may be allowed for cognisable offences wherein the punishment provided under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and other laws is up to three years.

The verification of the complainant, the Commission said, could be done by verifying the mobile number through an OTP and mandating the uploading of valid ID proof such as Aadhaar. It also said that the name of the suspect on the centralised national portal is to be secured until the e-FIR is signed by the complainant. Further, in case the registered information is not signed by the informant deliberately within the prescribed time, the information shall be deleted within two weeks.

An e-FIR

The Commission has not demystified the concept of an 'e-FIR'. The procedure laid down in the Report says that the police station will check the contents of information received from the portal to verify whether a cognisable offence is made out as recommended. Only then will the received information be entered in the prescribed format within three days. In other cases (punishable with more than three years of imprisonment), the conventional method prescribed under the IPC needs to be followed. In the next step, the police officer is required to get the signature of the complainant within three days to register an e-FIR. Otherwise, the e-FIR shall not be registered, reasons shall be communicated, and the said information shall be automatically deleted after two weeks from the portal. The procedure is given only for cases where the accused is known.

Though the Commission mentioned that eight States are lodging an e-FIR, it did not discuss any of the models adopted by those States, particularly the method of obtaining signatures.

It is thus clear that the concept of 'e-FIR' is nothing but obtaining information/complaint through electronic means using a common national portal and then getting the information/complaint signed by the complainant physically within three days to convert the complaint into an actual FIR. It is obvious that the 'e-FIR' is not an automatically registered FIR using electronic means, including electronic signature of the complainant. The online facility will have only limited efficacy. Also, any investigation done prior to the actual registration of the FIR shall not be an investigation undertaken in the true spirit of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Still, there are at least two benefits of obtaining complaints electronically. First, the police will have to take cognisance of the complaint as the system will automatically generate receipt. This will ensure almost free registration of crime. Second, they will not be able to change the contents of the complaint.

Human intervention is crucial

While most of the eight States are registering FIRs using the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems or State portals, mostly in property offences where the accused is unknown, the Law Commission has recommended e-FIR for all cognisable offences where the accused is not known, without discussing other related aspects. For example, the accused may initially be unknown in a case of kidnapping where not only immediate medical examination of the victim may be important, but also timely visit to the scene of crime. In fact, interaction with a police officer is valuable in solving blind crimes. An experienced police officer may extract a lot of information from the complainant or victim, which may help in finding the culprit.

Though the option to approach a police station for reporting any cognisable offence shall always be open, the legally permissible period of three days may give a false impression to a common man that it will not affect his case in that period. The complainant may not understand the nuances of a crime. Therefore, only cases where human interaction can be postponed for a limited period without having an adverse impact on the case may be permitted to be registered electronically.

E-authentication technique

The Commission has also not discussed using the 'e-authentication technique or digital signature' as defined in the Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000, for signing complaints. Under the Act, any information 'rendered or made available in an electronic form; and accessible so as to be usable for a subsequent reference' is legally acceptable. Similarly, any electronic record can be authenticated by 'such electronic signature or electronic authentication technique which is considered reliable…' Thus, one can imply that in case a paper-based signed complaint is to be replaced by an equivalent document in electronic form, one must affix electronic signature or use e-authentication technique notified by the government in the Second Schedule to the IT Act.

In 2015, 'e-authentication technique using Aadhaar e-KYC services' was notified in the Second Schedule as a legally recognised technique. This is widely used by the income tax department to facilitate filing of returns electronically. The law also recognises 'digital signature' which uses an asymmetric cryptosystem and hash function. Without affixing digital signature or using e-authentication technique, an electronic record transmitted to the police would legally be considered not more than an unsigned complaint. Therefore, it would be better if the use of e-authentication technique is mandated for the verification of complainant, and an e-FIR is registered immediately.

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Evasion, silence, defence

The Trinamool's response to leaders accused of corruption has been confused

STATE OF PLAY

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Despite a string of electoral successes in West Bengal, the Trinamool Congress has been haunted by allegations of corruption. From the Saradha chit fund scam, which came to the fore in 2013, to the Narada sting videos in 2016, several party leaders have been arrested by central agencies. Since 2021 alone, when the school recruitment scam became known, four MLAs of the party and several district leaders have been arrested. The party's response has varied from one case to another.

On July 23, 2022, moments before his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), Partha Chatterjee, who was then secretary general of the Trinamool and a cabinet minister in the State government, called Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The call, made at a time when the ED was recovering cash and gold from the premises of Mr. Chatterjee's associate, went unanswered. Five days after Mr. Chatterjee was arrested in the teacher recruitment scam, the Trinamool stripped him of all posts in the government and the party.

More than a year later, the party leadership is facing a similar situation. The ED had arrested another minister of the State government, Jyotipriya Mallick, in an alleged ration distribution scam. This time, the Trinamool seems confused about whether to defend Mr. Mallick, who is accused of siphoning foodgrains meant for the public distribution system through fake companies and a network of agents, or leave him in the lurch. Mr. Mallick was Minister of Food and Supplies from

2011 to 2021, and was shunted to the Forest Department after the Trinamool came to power in 2021.

Responding to allegations against Mr. Mallick, Ms. Banerjee said that he would "defend himself legally" and blamed the previous Left Front government for "one crore fake ration cards in the State." Some Trinamool leaders have said that Mr. Mallick should not have got the Chief Minister as well as party general secretary Abhishek Banerjee embroiled in the issue. While being taken for a medical checkup, Mr. Mallick told the media that senior leaders in the Trinamool "know it all."

Even in the case of party MP Mahua Moitra, who finds herself in an alleged cash-for-query controversy, the Trinamool has remained ambiguous in its response. While Ms. Banerjee and Mr. Banerjee have stayed silent, spokespersons of the party have touched different notes. Some have said that the party has nothing to say on the issue while others have accused members of the Ethics Committee of the Lok Sabha of behaving like 'Duryodhan'.

The party has also jumped to the defence of some senior leaders. For instance, years ago, it supported former Birbhum district president Anubrata Mondal, who was accused of murder. More recently, it has criticised in one voice central investigation agencies for summoning Mr. Banerjee.

In response to allegations of corruption, the Trinamool leadership has always asked the people to keep faith in the party chairperson, Ms. Banerjee. She has, on more than one occasion, urged the people to forget about candidates fielded in Assembly or Lok Sabha polls and vote for her on all the seats. Indeed, the Trinamool draws its strength from her popularity and charisma. Over the past 12 years, through its welfare schemes, the party has developed a patron-client relationship with the people, and allegations of corruption have had little impact on its electoral prospects.

Much like its stand on scam-tainted leaders, the Trinamool's ideology has also remained vague. On the one hand, it attempts to present itself as a secular party and on the other, the party mixes religion with politics by giving cash incentives to Durga Pujas as well as honorarium to imams and muezzins. It has fielded actors with little or no political experience and has not shied from giving tickets to leaders from the Left and Congress in the belief that the party symbol and its organisational machinery will ensure electoral success.

However, this may not always work. Regarding corruption, while the party's usual response of 'political vendetta' may have some truth in it, this stand has become a cliché and may not appeal to the electorate ahead of the Lok Sabha polls. When allegations of corruption are made against Cabinet Ministers, the State government, the Chief Minister, and the party leadership cannot present a vague response and absolve themselves of all responsibility.

Alarming rise of scientific misconduct recorded in India

Retractions from India have increased 2.5-times between 2020 and 2022 over the number recorded between 2017 and 2019

DATA POINT

Achal Agrawal

On the surface, Indian research has never been better. India recently became the third largest producer of scientific articles in the world (**Chart 1(a)**), a notable achievement for the world's fifth largest economy. But behind the barrage of research papers lies a telling statistic that should be a considerable cause for concern to Indian academia: the number of retractions (**Chart 1(b)**). Published papers are retracted when they are found to have mistakes, and retractions remove them from the scientific literature. In many instances, papers are also retracted when they are found to contain data or claims produced as a result of misconduct. Historically, a very small fraction of scientific misconduct has been caught.

As such, retractions are the tip of the misconduct iceberg. The Retraction Watch database lists 109 reasons for which papers have been retracted. For simplicity, the reasons can be grouped into three categories: grave reasons (constituting serious breach of academic and scientific integrity), including criminal proceedings, hoax papers, and plagiarism; misconduct (wherein the author knowingly indulged in misconduct), including civil proceedings, conflict of interest, and manipulation of results using computer-generated content; and errors (errors in the article, which can also indicate hasty publication), including concerns/error in data, images, results, etc., requiring correction.

The data show that the number of retractions in India rose dramatically in 2020-2022, mainly for misconduct. As such, India seems to be following in China's footsteps, but could benefit from following in Japan's instead.

To understand the effects of a higher research output on the number of retractions, consider the ratio of the former to the latter. As a proxy for quality (**Chart 1(c)**), it indicates an alarming drop in the country - almost halving.

As for the domains of retractions (**Chart 2**), engineering accounts for almost 48% of all cases, up from 36% in 2017-2019, while the humanities grew by 567%.

Science itself appears to be relatively untouched by this phenomenon. It is difficult to ascertain the major reasons for the rise given the number of factors at play, although the opinion of the research community itself could give us some insights. For example, **Chart 3** shows the results of a small survey conducted by India Research Watchdog with 364 respondents. A little more than half believe that university ranking parameters are behind the rise. Another 35% attributed it to unethical researchers, while 10% pointed to the minimal action taken when an allegation is reported or when an offender is 'caught'. There are other factors as well, including making it compulsory for PhD students to publish papers (a change instituted in 2017), as a result forcing those unable to do so to resort to low-quality publications, and the proliferation of predatory journals.

While more investigation is required, the sudden rise is not, as some have claimed, an artefact of the COVID-19 period for two reasons: such an effect was not observed in any other country and the number of papers published/uploaded during the pandemic was only marginally higher, whereas the number of retractions grew by a factor of 2.5.

The data should be an urgent call to action to scrutinise research malpractice in Indian academia. It affects research and teaching. If we don't take a closer look now, we will waste our great potential on producing bogus research.

Achal Agrawal is founder, India Research Watchdog

Cause for concern

The data for retractions were sourced from the Retraction Watch Database and the publication data were sourced from Scimago

Chart 1 (a): The chart shows the number of publications over time for five countries. India recently became the third largest producer of scientific articles in the world

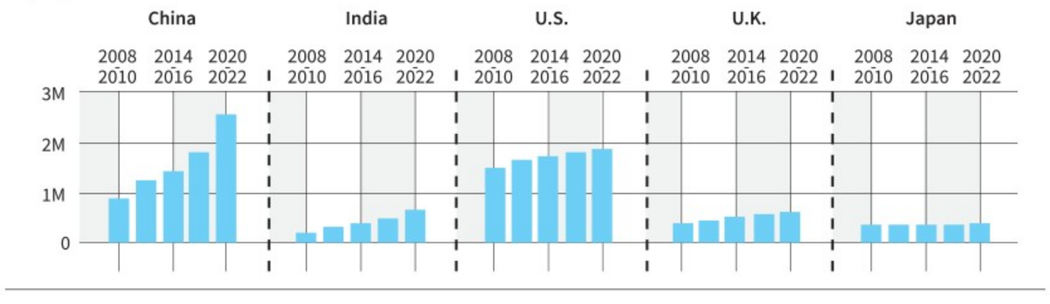

Chart 1 (b): The chart shows the number of retractions over time for the five countries. Graphs are in multiple scales: China (X20), India (X5) and the U.S. (X5)

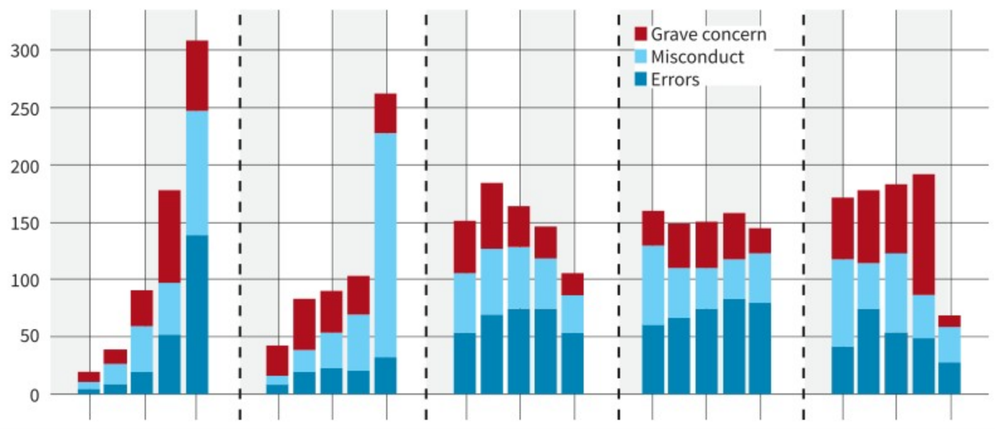

Chart 1 (c): The chart shows the quality of publications as measured by ratio of publications to retractions

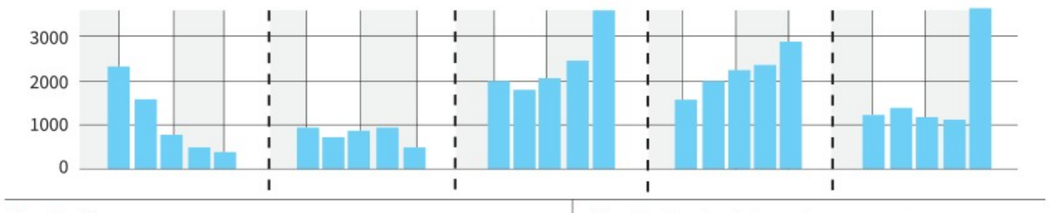

Chart 2: The chart shows retractions by domains in India. Engineering accounts for almost 48% of all cases

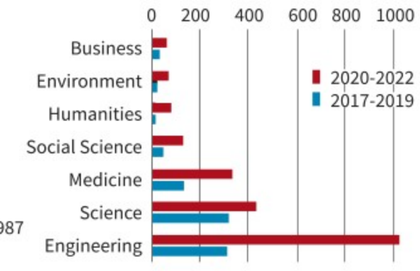

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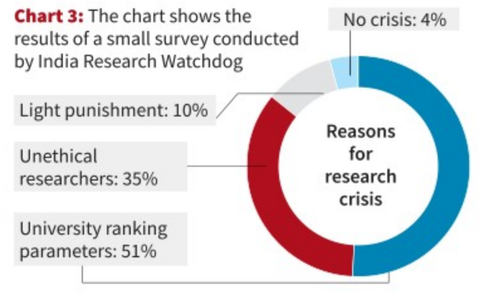
Chart 3: The chart shows the results of a small survey conducted by India Research Watchdog



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 9, 1973

Oil adulteration: Tamil Nadu govt. raises legal point

New Delhi, Nov. 8: A Division Bench of the Supreme Court, has granted a special leave to the State of Tamil Nadu (petitioner) to appeal against a judgment and orders of Madras High Court holding that a sale of adulterated gingelly oil by a retail trader did not amount to an offence under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act because there was a notice board put up in the shop that the oil was not fit for human consumption. Mr. Justice Khanna, Mr. Justice Mathew and Mr. Justice Alagiriswamy were on the Bench. The State's special leave petition raised an important question under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (Central Act), whether or not the sale of an adulterated food article would amount to an offence under the Act if there was a notice board put up in the shop that the article in question was not fit for human consumption. The respondent-accused was convicted by a Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Thanjavur, on a charge of sale of adulterated gingelly oil to the Food Inspector of Thanjavur Municipality. The trial court sentenced him to a fine of Rs. 200 in default, to imprisonment of one month and also to suffer imprisonment till the raising of the court. The Sessions-Judge, Thanjavur, acquitted the respondent-accused and set aside the conviction and sentence imposed on him by the Trial Court. Thereupon the Madras High Court on appeal from the State confirmed the orders of the Sessions Judge in the view that the accused was entitled to the benefit of doubt "because of the existence of the notice board in the shop stating that the oil was not fit for human consumption and was meant for external use." Hence the present special leave petition by the State in the Supreme Court.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 9, 1923

Silver Market

London, Nov. 7: Montagu's silver report says market has shown a steady tone in consequence of bear covering and some enquiry from China not always at a price high enough to lead to business. Supplies from America have been fairly free but other supplies are rather reluctant in view of the speculative position of affairs consequent upon corner in Bombay at this season of year when preparations for Chinese new year loom on the horizon.

From Page One

G-7 meet appeals for humanitarian pauses

It was only the second joint statement from the G-7 since gunmen from the Palestinian militant group Hamas sparked the conflict with an October 7 attack on southern Israel, killing 1,400 people and taking some 240 hostages. The Israeli bombardment of Gaza has since killed more than 10,000 Palestinians, around 40% of them children. "I believe it's important that the G7 was able to put out its first unified message as a statement regarding a humanitarian pause... in terms of the responsibility the G7 has towards the international community," Japanese Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa told reporters.

Asked whether all G-7 members were calling for humanitarian pauses or whether some favoured a full ceasefire, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said there was "real unity" among the bloc. The communique also reiterated G-7 support for Ukraine in its war with Russia, highlighted the need for engagement with China and condemned North Korea's missile tests and arms transfers to Russia.

The G-7 comprises Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the U.S., with the EU also taking part in the summit.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said Israel would consider "tactical little pauses" but, alongside its close ally the U.S. and other Western countries, has rejected calls for a ceasefire that it says would allow Hamas to regroup.

The G-7 had appeared to struggle to agree on a firm, united approach to the war, raising questions over its relevance as a force to tackle major crises. On Tuesday, the Ministers also discussed what happens after the Gaza conflict recedes and how to revitalise peace efforts in the West Asia, Japan said in a statement.

Israel has been vague about its long-term plans for Gaza. In some of the first direct comments on the subject, Mr. Netanyahu said this week that Israel would seek to have security responsibility for Gaza "for an indefinite period".

But Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen told the *Wall Street Journal* that Israel wanted the territory to be under an international coalition, including the U.S., EU and Muslim-majority countries, or administered by Gaza political leaders.

Mr. Blinken told reporters following the G-7 meetings that Gaza could not be under Hamas or Israeli control. "We don't see a reoccupation and what I've heard from Israeli leaders is that they have no intent to reoccupy Gaza," he said.

Kerala moves SC against Governor once again

The State government submitted that the first proviso to Article 200, which governs the conduct of the Governor, mandates immediate consideration and action when a Bill is presented to him for assent. The Governor can either declare his assent to the Bill, return it with a message to the House or refer it to the President. However, the Article requires the Governor to act "as soon as possible", that is within a reasonable time.

The State said eight key Bills were currently pending with the Governor. Some of these Bills have been held back for over two years.

Senior advocate K.K. Venugopal, appearing in the case for the State, recently had informed the Supreme Court that the Governor continued to be unfazed even after it had moved the top court against him.

"The Governor appears to be of the view that granting assent or otherwise dealing with Bills is a matter entrusted to him in his absolute discretion, to decide whenever he pleases. This is a complete subversion of the Constitution," the petition said.

Besides Kerala, other non-BJP-ruled States have also approached the Supreme Court against their Governors for "unreasonably" delaying the passing of crucial Bills into law.

Nitish apologises as remark raises furore

Amarnath Tewary
Sreeparna Chakrabarty
PATNA/NEW DELHI

A day after his "derogatory" comment in the State Assembly on the role of women's education in population control, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Wednesday apologised both within and outside the House. The Opposition BJP in the State, however, demanded Mr. Kumar's resignation while protesting inside the Assembly.

After the National Commission for Women took cognisance of the comment, a complaint was also filed against him in Muzaffarpur. "If my words have hurt anyone, I take them back. I apologise for whatever I said. I'm not only ashamed but condemn myself for making such comments," Mr. Kumar said amid the din created by BJP legislators.

"My words were not intended to hurt anybody. I've always maintained that education is necessary for population control and I've always stood for women's empowerment and their development," he further clarified.

Despite his apology on Wednesday, BJP MLAs continued their protest, trooping into the well of the House armed with placards demanding Mr. Kumar's resignation, and calling his statement "vulgar", "shameful", and "sexist".

The Speaker of the House, Awadh Bihari Choudhary, had to adjourn the session twice on Wednesday. The BJP legislators continued to protest outside the Assembly as well.

Brazil will give continuity to India's Presidency of G-20, says Ambassador

As India's G-20 Presidency comes to close, Prime Minister Modi to host Voice of Global South Summit and G-20 Summit virtually on November 17 and 22; Brazil will host G-20 in 2024, and the COP30 Climate Change Summit in 2025, and hopes to work closely with partners like India, Indonesia

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

As India prepares to end its G-20 presidency this month with two separate virtual summits to be chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Brazil hopes to give "continuity" to New Delhi's priorities, its Ambassador said.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has sent out invitations for the two summits – the Second Voice of Global South Summit to be held on November 17, and the G-20 Virtual Summit to be held on November 22.

The MEA is still awaiting confirmations from many of the leaders of the two sets of countries. Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who will take over the G-20 presidency, has confirmed his attendance at both, and hopes to take forward the focus on the Global South and developing world, said Brazilian Ambassador Kenneth Felix Haczynski da Nobrega.

Multilateral system

"We see the Brazilian presidency as giving continuity to the Indian presidency, in ensuring that the interests and challenges of the Global South will be an important part of the G-20 agenda," Mr. Haczynski da Nobrega, who presented his credentials shortly before the G-20 summit in Delhi, told *The Hindu*.

While Mr. Modi did the formal handover of the G-20 "gavel" to Brazilian President Mr. Lula at the end of the summit on September 10, India's G-20 presidency will only end this month.

"The Brazilian G-20 presidency will seek its own special emphasis on fighting hunger and poverty, bringing the idea of sustainable development centre stage to the climate change debate, and will continue to push for the reform of the multilateral system," Mr. Haczynski da Nobrega added.

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> Brazilian Ambassador

Similar goals

While Brazil may have a different emphasis on some issues, the Ambassador said, its goals and targets were similar to India's as members of the developing world, and partners in groupings like BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa), IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa), and the G-4 grouping (Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan) that support each other for UN Security Council membership.

Brazil is presently the host of IBSA, will host G-20 in 2024, and the COP30 Climate Change Summit in 2025, and hopes to work closely with partners like India, South Africa and Indonesia, all developing countries that are part of the "extended troika" or group that is hosting successive summits of the G-20.

During the G-20 Summit in Delhi in September, India was able to forge a breakthrough joint statement from the group, deeply divided over the Ukraine war, after a joint proposal by India-Indonesia-Brazil-South Africa was offered to other members as an ultimatum a day before the Summit.

Global solidarity

The proposal, that dropped critical references to Russia, but retained language against the war in Ukraine was seen as a rare moment of global solidarity during the Indian presidency.

Ahead of the Virtual G-20 summit on November 22, officials have made it clear that while the new issue of the Israel-Gaza conflict is likely to overshadow some of the proceedings, India does not plan any joint statement or major outcomes from the summit. Instead, the Prime Minister's Office which is overseeing planning for the two summits wants them to focus on implementation and delivery of the agreements and declarations made during the Voice of Global South Summit in January 2023 and G-20 Summit in September.

Fostering cooperation

"[Officials] highlighted the government's commitment to ensuring the successful implementation of the Leaders' Declaration and its dedication to fostering global cooperation in development and welfare," the Press Information Bureau announced in a readout of a meeting taken by the Prime Minister's Principal Secretary, P.K. Mishra, where he was briefed by Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra about preparations for the two summits.

PM, Shah, other BJP leaders greet Advani as he turns 96

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and a host of senior leaders on Wednesday greeted BJP stalwart L. K. Advani on his birthday and said he is a beacon of integrity and dedication and his visionary leadership has furthered national progress and unity.

Mr. Advani, former Deputy Prime Minister and former BJP president, turned 96 on Wednesday.

"His visionary leadership has furthered national progress and unity. I wish him good health and a long life," Mr. Modi wrote on X.

Praying for his long life, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said Mr. Advani nourished the BJP with his tireless hard work and organisational skills.

"I earnestly pray for his good health and well-being," M. Venkaiah Naidu said in a post on X. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari also greeted Mr. Advani.

Continuing legacy: Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets L.K. Advani on his birthday in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also prayed for Advani's good health, and said he has been a major pillar of Indian politics and has also provided great strength to the BJP.

Greeting the veteran politician, BJP president J. P. Nadda said his work dedicated to the nation and organisation is an inspiration to all the BJP workers. Union Ministers S. Jaishankar and Nirmala Sitharaman also greeted Mr. Advani.

Modi slams Bihar CM Nitish Kumar's remark on women

Mehul Malpani
BHOPAL

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hit out at Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for his remarks linking educated women to his State's fertility rate.

Speaking in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh, Mr. Modi also slammed the leaders of the Opposition INDIA bloc for not speaking out against Mr. Kumar's statements.

'Misogynistic, vulgar'

"Those who watch TV would have noticed an event. A very senior leader of the INDI Alliance, who is carrying the flag of the coalition and is playing various games to dethrone the current Central government, said such vulgar things in a language which nobody can imagine, in the Assembly where mothers and sisters were present,"

Nitish Kumar

Mr. Modi said, speaking at a rally in Guna.

"He has no shame," Mr. Modi added.

Mr. Modi was referring to Mr. Kumar's remarks on birth control in the Bihar Assembly on Tuesday. "The husband's acts lead to more births. But with education, a woman knows how to restrain him. This is the reason the numbers [of births] are coming down. Earlier it [the fertility rate] was 4.3, but it has now reached 2.9. And soon we will reach 2," Mr. Kumar had said.

The remarks drew sharp criticism from the BJP, which has termed them as "misogynistic, vulgar, sexist and patriarchal", leading Mr. Kumar to apologise on Wednesday.

'Insult to women'

"Not one leader of the INDI Alliance is ready to speak a word against such an insult to mothers and sisters," Mr. Modi said.

"Those who keep such a view towards women, can they do any good to you? Can they protect your honour, can they respect you?" the Prime Minister asked the women in the crowd. "How low will you stoop? You are getting the nation insulted in the world," he added.

The Prime Minister has been on an election tour of Madhya Pradesh, which goes to the polls in less than ten days.

Congress hits out at Modi over remote control jibe at Kharge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday over his "remote control" jibe at party president Mallikarjun Kharge, asserting that it was an attack on all those who come from "oppressed backgrounds" but aim to succeed in life.

Mr. Modi, at a rally in Damoh, Madhya Pradesh, said that Mr. Kharge was "controlled by remote". "The Congress' habit of remote [control] is not going away. Earlier, the PM used to be controlled by remote. Now, the Congress president is being operated by remote," he said.

Mr. Modi was apparently reacting to Mr. Kharge's comments at an election rally in Madhya Pradesh, where the latter had referred to various government agencies, including the Enforcement Directorate, the Central Bureau of Investigation, and the Income Tax Department, along with the PM and Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, as the "*panch pandavas*" (five Pandavas) of the BJP.

Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said Mr. Modi's remark was not a "loose political statement", but a concerted attack on all those who come from oppressed backgrounds and are aiming to succeed in public life. "In reality, PM Modi cannot digest that unlike his party's fake claims of social justice, it is only the Congress that is capable of democratically throwing up such towering leaders," Mr. Venugopal posted on X.

The party also attacked the BJP government at the Centre on the seventh anniversary of demonetisation. Mr. Kharge said demonetisation was the "biggest assault on India's economy and livelihood".

Govt. mulls ombudsman for air travellers

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

With domestic air travellers exceeding pre-pandemic levels month after month and recording new highs, a spate of complaints from passengers has forced the government to discuss setting up of an ombudsman or an authority to address grievances.

The Department of Consumer Affairs on Wednesday held a meeting with online travel aggregators, officials of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation after it received nearly 10,000 complaints made through the National Consumer's Helpline over the past seven or eight months over issues such as delays in refunds from airlines, denied boarding, and unavailability of free seats at the time of booking a ticket and web check-in.

"The establishment of an ombudsman for time-bound resolution of consumer grievances was also deliberated. The Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Department of Consumer Affairs can jointly work on the modalities involved in establishing the same," the Ministry of Consumer Affairs said in a press statement. Officials also discussed ways to integrate the National Consumer Helpline of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs and the AirSewa portal of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

An ombudsman for the aviation sector is among the major reforms needed to improve air travel

Former officials also say that an ombudsman for the aviation sector is among the major reforms needed to improve air travel and that such a proposal was mooted as early as 2013. India is the third biggest domestic aviation market in the world.

Collegium works with camaraderie: CJI

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Wednesday said the Supreme Court Collegium's discussions among the five senior-most judges of the Supreme Court take place in an atmosphere of camaraderie and transparency.

In an informal chat with reporters at a high tea organised by the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Chandrachud revealed that the collegium may start off informally with judges discussing names but turn increasingly detailed and structured as talks proceed.

The Chief Justice said the latest collegium resolution to recommend Delhi High Court Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, Rajasthan Chief Justice Augustine George Masih, and Gauhati Chief justice Sandeep Mehta to take the Supreme Court to its full sanctioned judicial strength of 34 judges was finalised quickly.

Methodical manner

He said the collegium pored over material, including judgments authored by the candidates, provided by a team of distinguished scholars, interns, and law researchers.

"We all look at the same judgments," the Chief Justice said.

The collegium's discussions, the Chief Justice indicated, proceeded in a methodical manner in which each of the five judges were given the same background material on candidates to go through.

ASSEMBLY POLLS 2023

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Rahul doubles down on paddy, tribal welfare

The Congress's promise to pay ₹3,200 for every quintal of paddy to farmers in poll-bound Chhattisgarh is just the "beginning", party leader Rahul Gandhi said on Wednesday, assuring voters that the amount would be hiked.

Addressing a rally in Ambikapur, constituency of Deputy Chief Minister T.S. Singh Deo in the tribal belt of Sarguja, Mr. Gandhi also alleged that the BJP did not want tribal people to "dream big". Questioning the BJP's recent assertions of education in native languages being beneficial for students in far-flung areas, Mr. Gandhi said, "BJP leaders ask you not to learn English. We want the tribal youth to learn Chhattisgarhi, English as well as Hindi....If their children can study in English medium schools and dream big, then why can't tribal children do that".

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addressing a public meeting in Chhattisgarh's Surguja. ANI

Cong. complains to EC over BJP's 'misuse of ED'

The Congress on Wednesday approached the Election Commission to complain about the "prejudicial actions" of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in Chhattisgarh.

A delegation of leaders, led by Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi, asked the EC to ensure that the Central agencies conduct their probes with "strict impartiality".

They also demanded the withdrawal of an ED press release that claimed that Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel took ₹508 crore from the promoters of the Mahadev betting app.

In a memorandum, the party expressed concern over the "worrying trend" of the ED being used as a "political tool" by the BJP against Opposition leaders. It demanded action against ED officials for "misusing" their powers and violating the guidelines of the poll body.

"The Congress did not fulfil the demand for OROP implementation... and played politics with national security when in power

NARENDRA MODI
Prime Minister

Probe ordered after Shah's *rath* touches cable

The Rajasthan government ordered an inquiry after Union Home Minister Amit Shah had a narrow escape when his *rath* came in contact with an electric wire in Nagaur on Tuesday. No one was injured. "The Home Department initiated an inquiry to be conducted by the Ajmer divisional commissioner," sources said. PTI

"Thousands of people are joining the BJP family every day.... This shows BJP is coming to power [in Rajasthan] and the Congress ship is sinking

GAJENDRA SHEKHAWAT
Union Minister

Congress candidate Ramsiya Bharti campaigning in Malhara. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A saffron versus saffron contest in M.P.'s Malhara seat

Ishita Mishra
MALHARA

It's a seeming saffron versus saffron contest in the Malhara Assembly constituency of Madhya Pradesh as the Congress has chosen Sadhvi Ramsiya Bharti – a 36-year-old *kathawachak* who recites mythological texts – as its candidate from a seat widely known as the bastion of veteran BJP leader and former Chief Minister Uma Bharti.

While Ms. Uma Bharti is not contesting or even campaigning in this election due to a leg injury, her influence in the area can be gauged from the fact that the BJP candidate and MLA, Pradyuman Singh Lodhi, is not just using her pictures in his posters, but actually making them larger than the pictures of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan or even Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Ms. Ramsiya Bharti, who dons a saffron robe and puts vermilion on her forehead, has several other similarities with Ms. Uma Bharti. Both of them belong to the Lodhi community and are widely popular religious leaders of this small rural area in Chhatarpur district.

Pointing to another similarity between the two women, Congress leader Narendra Yadav says that Ms. Ramsiya Bharti was close to Jyotiraditya Scindia, who switched loyalties from the Congress to the BJP a few years ago. Ms. Uma Bharti too was close to Mr. Scindia's grandmother, Vijayaraje Scindia.

Ms. Ramsiya Bharti, whose followers claim that she has recited *Bhagwat Katha* and *Ram Katha* across India and even abroad, is campaigning with folded hands to seek votes from the people. She starts and ends her rallies with a slogan of "*Jai Shree Ram*", and uses the "*Bharat Mata Ki Jai*" slogan as well, both of which are more commonly heard at BJP campaigns.

"I am not here to win and go. I am yours. The only thing you have to do is vote for Congress and bring Kamal Nath's government to power," she says at a rally in Buxwaha.

Ms. Ramsiya Bharti has been criticising the BJP for giving ticket to goons and corrupt leaders, and has also attacked the party's claims of protecting cows and women, and helping farmers. She maintains that the BJP's nationalism is fake and its proclaimed love for Hindus is only confined to election season.

She is popular among women, who attend her *katha* (sermon) in larger numbers than men. In her *katha*, Ms. Ramsiya Bharti speaks about the lack of development in the area. She adds that she is not a turncoat who will change her party after winning. She is targeting Mr. Lodhi, who won on Congress ticket in 2018. He switched parties just before the byelections in 2020.

The BJP candidate rejects the claim of Ms. Uma Bharti's waning influence, saying that her popularity is such that she does not even have to visit the area to campaign for him. "People will hear her even if she speaks from wherever she is," Mr. Lodhi says.

He says that not every *sadhvi* can be Uma Bharti, adding that the BJP is the only party that works for development.

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'Corruption is the biggest issue in Madhya Pradesh, every person has been a victim'

Congress chief ministerial candidate asks why the BJP is 'hiding' Shivraj Singh Chouhan from election campaign; says his party has done the financial calculations for the announcements it made and will execute them with discipline if it forms the govt.; he rejects reports about infighting in the party

INTERVIEW

Kamal Nath

Sandeep Phukan
Mehul Malpani

Breaking away from tradition, the Congress in Madhya Pradesh has declared State Congress chief Kamal Nath as its chief ministerial candidate. Between campaigning, Mr. Nath speaks on corruption, poll promises and factionalism in the party. Excerpts:

The Congress has targeted the Shivraj Singh government as a "50 % commission" government. Is corruption the main poll issue for your party?

Every person in Madhya Pradesh is either a victim of corruption or a witness to it. Corruption is the biggest issue in Madhya Pradesh and right before this election, the contractors themselves came forward to complain that 50% commission is being taken in the Shivraj government.

In the 18 years of Shivraj Singh government, there have been so many scams... Vyapam scam, Demat scam, Dumper scam, police recruitment scam, patwari recruitment scam, nursing scam, Mahakal Lok (corridor) scam. So, the 50% commission is a big issue in this election.

But the biggest issue is to build a prosperous Madhya Pradesh. My way of working is different. I don't make promises that I can't keep. We have made the financial calculations for the announcements we have made and we will execute them with discipline.

I have said Shivraj*ji* believes in television, while I have a vision.

You announced many guarantees like LPG cylinder for ₹500, monthly assistance for women, and so on. But many believe that with the BJP matching your promises, the Congress may have lost the momentum.

The BJP has been in government for 18 years, so wasn't the *behen* (sister) *ladli* (dear) before that? Why did it take 18 years for the sister to become *ladli*, that too when the Congress promised the Nari Samman Yojana under which ₹1,500 per month will be given to women and gas cylinders were announced for ₹500. We have made it clear that as soon as the Congress government is formed, on January 1, 2024, women will get ₹1,500 in their accounts and gas cylinders will start being available for ₹500.

You are the only face from the Congress while Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the main campaigner here. The BJP has also fielded many MPs to give a national flavour to the elections. Is that a disadvantage or an advantage?

A.M. FARUQUI

This is a State election and not Mr. Modi's election. And I want to ask when Shivraj Singh Chouhan has been the Chief Minister for 18 years, why is the BJP ashamed to bring him to the fore? Hiding his face means that the people have completely rejected his governance for the past 18 years. And by fielding Central leaders, the BJP has admitted to losing the elections even before it started and they are now looking for scapegoats.

Some have expressed concerns about the Congress showcasing "Hindu" traditions in politics. Be it cancelling a INDIA bloc rally after DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin's remark on *Sanatana Dharma* or inviting Bageshwar Dham priest Dhirendra Shashtri, who talks of a Hindu Rashtra, for a programme at Chhindwara, you are seen as overtly playing the "Hindu card".

These charges have no basis at all. The INDIA bloc meeting was cancelled as campaigning in Madhya Pradesh was going on in full swing. I had made it clear but the media chose to focus on some old issues. As far as Bageshwar Dham Baba is concerned, if he announces a programme for Chhindwara, I can't stop anyone. I happened to be here and attended it. It was a *sarv dharam arti* for all religions. He never spoke about Hindutva here, only talked about Kamal Nath and Chhindwara. What is the Hindutva here? Please go and see the Hanuman*ji* temple [with a 101-foot-tall Lord Hanuman statue] here. And I built it 14 years ago. There were no questions raised then. Why is the BJP worried if I go to a temple or offer prayers? I don't need a certificate from the BJP to be a Hindu. I have said this earlier too that I am a Hindu but not a fool. India runs according to the Constitution and will continue to do so.

Your comments on the Rajiv Gandhi government opening the lock of the Ram temple at Ayodhya has become controversial.

Look, the opening of the lock is a fact and nobody can change it. No government could do anything until the Supreme Court gave its verdict. The court gave its verdict during a BJP government and the temple is being built. But that does not give the BJP its title deed. The temple belongs to every citizen of India.

Are you looking at the 2023 Assembly poll to avenge the collapse of your government in March 2020 because of defections?

You travel around Madhya Pradesh and just observe the mood among the people. I have been in politics for 45 years and can read their sentiments. People of Madhya Pradesh want change and the BJP is going to lose the elections by a huge margin.

Some say the collapse was the result of factionalism in the Congress and, even now, people talk of differences between you and Digvijaya Singh.

Again, these are absolutely baseless charges. Those who have doubts in their minds should come to Madhya Pradesh and see how the Congress is fighting the elections in an united manner.

The Central leadership of the Congress has made caste census and OBC (other backward classes) outreach its main focus. How do you see this unfolding in the Madhya Pradesh election?

We have made it clear that when we form the government in Madhya Pradesh, we will carry out caste survey. As far as reservation for OBCs is concerned, we had given 27% but the Shivraj Singh government conspired to end it. The Congress government will once again offer 27% reservation to OBCs. We look at the issue not as a political one but one of social justice.

As the former Commerce Minister, you were seen as business-friendly and keen to get investments. Does it worry you that the top leadership of the party is targeting large business groups now?

Development of Madhya Pradesh is our top-most priority. You need trust to get investments and every necessary measure will be undertaken to attract investments into Madhya Pradesh.

Amid paper leak issue, Rajasthan Cong. chief put to test on home turf

Mohammed Iqbal
SIKAR

Rajasthan Congress chief Govind Singh Dotasra is in a vulnerable position on his home turf of Lachhmangarh following the searches conducted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on his premises in Jaipur and Sikar as part of a money-laundering probe in the exam paper leak case. The three-time MLA is facing tough questions from the electorate as well as his rival candidates.

"I will not allow the future of our youth to be destroyed by the man who claims to be working for your welfare as your representative," said BJP candidate Subhash Maharia at a rally in Khuri Bari village.

A three-time BJP MP from Sikar, Mr. Maharia joined the Congress in 2016. He left it in May this year to rejoin the BJP. He has used the ED searches at Mr. Dotasra's houses as well as the summons to his two sons, one of whom is associated with the coaching industry in Sikar, to target him. "Let an explanation come from him. This is a major scam," the former Union Minister said.

Govind Singh Dotasra

Mr. Dotasra defeated Mr. Maharia by a margin of 10,723 votes in the 2013 Assembly election. The two leaders are once again locked in a close fight, with the odds loaded against Mr. Dotasra despite the Congress's claim of having extended the benefits of welfare schemes to the people.

Asked about the significance of the paper leak issue, which has mainly affected the candidates of the teachers' recruitment exam, Mr. Maharia told *The Hindu* that it would prove to be the nemesis for the Congress. "Mr. Dotasra has been misleading the people with his false claims. We will not compromise on the dignity and self-respect of voters at this seat. No development has taken place here in the past five years," he said.

Dismisses charges

However, Mr. Dotasra claimed at a rally in Lachhmangarh after he filed his nomination papers last week that he had carried out development work worth ₹1,800 crore in the constituency and built roads of such length that Mr. Maharia could travel on them for six months without finishing his journey. "I rule the heart of the people in this land of farmers and soldiers," he said, dismissing the BJP's charges. He said the ED had resorted to action because he had been speaking against the BJP and the RSS.

As no BJP candidate was elected in any of the eight Assembly constituencies in Sikar district in 2018, this Assembly election is going to be a battle of survival for Mr. Maharia. Both Mr. Dotasra and Mr. Maharia belong to the dominant Jat community of the Shekhawati region.

Sohan Pal, a farmer at Khuri Bari, said corruption was an issue that deserved attention. Even the traditional Congress supporters would have reservations unless Mr. Dotasra convinced them, he said. Jatin Dhaka, a student from Jasrasar village, said the probity in the exam system was the most important issue for the candidates.

In Sikar district, the issues of water scarcity, poor quality of roads, inadequate power supply to agricultural farms, and organised crimes in the towns dominate public discourse. The contest on several seats has become triangular with the candidates of the CPI(M), the Rashtriya Loktantrik Party, and the Jannayak Janata Party entering the fray.

Raje's confidant to contest election as Independent

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Yunus Khan, a former Minister, parted ways with the BJP after being denied ticket

Days after the BJP denied him a ticket, Yunus Khan, a close confidant of former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje, has sprung a surprise by deciding to contest the Rajasthan Assembly election from Deedwana, his traditional seat, as an Independent candidate.

He filed his nomination papers on Monday after parting ways with the BJP.

Mr. Khan, the BJP's lone Muslim candidate in 2018, had unsuccessfully contested against Congress leader Sachin Pilot from Tonk. He was seen as being sidelined within the BJP despite having clout among Muslims, Jats, and Rajputs in Deedwana, which now forms part of the newly created Deedawana-Kuchaman district.

The BJP has not fielded a Muslim candidate on any of the 200 Assembly seats in the State this time.

During the two previous tenures of Ms. Raje as the Chief Minister, Mr. Khan held important ministerial portfolios.

Mr. Khan said the BJP had taken some decisions "in a hurry". "A lot of things have changed in the BJP. The party is not following the principles laid down by the leaders such as Deendayal Upadhyaya and Atal Bihari Vajpayee anymore," he said.

"I contested the [Assembly] poll from Deedwana four times and abided by the party's instructions to fight against Sachin Pilot in Tonk. After my defeat, I was ignored by the party... I was not even invited to or informed about the party's programmes. I have left the BJP with a heavy heart," Mr. Khan said.

INBRIEF

ED records Bansal's statement in *National Herald* case

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has recorded the statement of senior Congress leader Pawan Kumar Bansal in connection with the *National Herald* case. Mr. Bansal visited the ED office on Tuesday and Wednesday. The agency is probing the allegation that Young Indian Private Limited had paid only ₹50 lakh to take over the rights to recover a ₹90.25-crore loan that the Associated Journals Limited (AJL) owed to the Congress. The *National Herald* newspaper is published by AJL. The Congress has denied the charge in the past by pointing out that Young Indian is a not-for-profit company.

NIA arrests 44 for alleged link with human trafficking

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday arrested 44 people for their alleged involvement in human trafficking, following searches across 10 States and Union Territories in close coordination with the Border Security Force and the local police. While 21 accused were arrested in Tripura, 10 people were held in Karnataka, five in Assam, three in West Bengal, two in Tamil Nadu and one each in Puducherry, Telangana and Haryana. "The operation aimed at dismantling human trafficking support networks involved in the infiltration and settlement of illegal migrants across the Indo-Bangladesh border into India," the agency said.

Delhi to induce artificial rain to curb air pollution

Environment Minister Gopal Rai meets experts regarding cloud seeding; report from IIT-Kanpur to be submitted to Supreme Court seeking approval; cloudy days expected on November 20, 21

Satvika Mahajan
NEW DELHI

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Wednesday announced that the national capital would be attempting to induce artificial rain to tackle the rising air pollution levels.

The Minister cleared the confusion over the implementation of the odd-even vehicle rotation scheme. He said the government had submitted two case studies to the Supreme court and was awaiting its go-ahead to implement the proposal.

Mr. Rai met experts from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur regarding cloud seeding to induce rain. The Delhi government would be receiving a detailed proposal from the premier institute that would be submitted to the Supreme Court. According to estimates, it would be cloudy on November 20 and 21 and if an approval comes through, the plan could be executed on those days.

Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena in a post on X also spoke about the meeting with IIT-Kanpur experts. He said: "A delegation from CII & IIT, Kanpur met to discuss the possibility of cloud seeding - artificial rain in the capital for mitigating the prevalent air pollution. Enquired about the effectiveness of the technology and asked them to submit a concrete proposal."

Toxic air: Volunteers seen with face masks when the odd-even scheme was implemented in Delhi in November 2019. FILE PHOTO

Equipment ready

"The equipment which will be used for this have been stocked. We have an aircraft, clouding seething equipment as well as our own solution, and our team has been closely monitoring the cloud situation as well," Professor Sachchida Nand Tripathi, member, steering and monitoring committee, National Clean Air Programme, IIT Kanpur, said.

The Delhi government would be proposing this plan to the Supreme Court on Friday and a request for cooperation from the Centre through the top court as well. Cloud seeding has been experimented in other parts of the country as well, including Maharashtra.

Odd-even scheme

Another important measure that has already been announced by the Delhi government is the implementation of the odd-even rotation scheme. Mr. Rai said the AAP-led government would be submitting studies from the Energy Policy Institute of the University of Chicago and the Delhi Technological University regarding the scheme.

The Supreme Court has been closely monitoring the pollution situation and provided several measures for the same. On Tuesday, the court questioned the effectiveness of the Delhi government's car rationing scheme, aimed at curbing vehicular pollution, and referred to it as "all optics".

Meanwhile, the air quality in Delhi worsened to "severe" category on Wednesday from the upper end of the "very poor" category recorded on Tuesday.

World will overshoot 2030 fossil fuel limit by twice over: report

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Notwithstanding the global consensus among countries that fossil fuel emissions must be eliminated, a new report says that many governments plan to produce twice as much fossil fuels in 2030 than would be consistent with limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, and 69% more than that would be consistent with 2 degrees Celsius.

This comes in the backdrop of 151 governments having pledged to achieve Net-Zero emissions - or no net emissions from 2050-2070. The latest forecasts suggest that despite promises by governments made as part of the 2015 Paris Agreement that global coal, oil, and gas demand will peak this decade, even without new policies, their forecasts would lead to an increase in global coal production until 2030, and in global oil and gas production until at least 2050, creating an ever-widening fossil fuel production gap over time.

COP Summit in Dubai

Later this month, at least 190 countries are expected to convene in Dubai, for the annual Conference of the Parties, to thrash out timelines to abate fossil fuel emissions, accelerate the adoption of renewable energy and pay vulnerable countries to help them weather the effects of global warming.

The Production Gap Report was released on Wednesday. It is prepared by the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Climate Analytics, E3G, International Institute for Sustainable Development and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) to assess governments' planned and projected production of coal, oil, and gas against global levels consistent with the Paris Agreement's temperature goal.

The report analyses emissions trends for 20 major fossil-fuel-producing countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the UAE, the U.K., and the U.S. "We find that many governments are promoting fossil gas as an essential 'transition' fuel but with no apparent plans to transition away from it later," said SEI's Ploy Achakulwisut, a lead author on the report.

30% of ration under PDS diverted to open market in Bengal: ED

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

About 30% of the rations under the Public Distribution System (PDS) intended for Priority Households (PHH), Rajya Khadya Suraksha Yojana (RKSY) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) beneficiaries in West Bengal were diverted to the open market, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said in a statement regarding the alleged ration scam in the State.

According to the central agency, the proceeds of crime generated from diverting PDS were shared between the millers and the PDS distributors.

The ED on October 27 arrested West Bengal Forest Minister Jyoti Priya Mallick in a case related to fake paddy procurement and siphoning off PDS ration to the open market. Mr. Mallick, who was Minister in the Food and Supplies Department from 2011-21, will remain in ED custody till November 12.

The ED statement added that the millers opened fake farmers' bank accounts in connivance with other persons including some cooperative societies and pocketed the minimum support price (MSP), which was intended for paddy farmers.

"One of the prime suspects has admitted that approximately ₹200 per quintal was earned by various rice millers which was to be procured by the government agencies at MSP directly from the farmers and this practice is being followed by various rice millers across the state over the years. Hence, a huge quantum of proceeds of crime are being generated and distributed in this way," the ED statement said.

Union Home Ministry seeks Aadhaar authentication of prisoners and jail visitors

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

NIC has integrated Aadhaar services with the ePrisons system, and made it functional in 1,309 of 1,378 prisons across the country

Prisoners lodged in more than 1,300 jails across the country, and their visitors, may have to undergo Aadhaar authentication, an initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to ensure the security of the inmates, and prevent identity fraud.

The MHA has written to the States and Union Territories asking them to utilise the Aadhaar authentication of prison inmates and their visitors with a view to strengthening the safe and secure custody of prisoners, and also to ensure the delivery of the Aadhaar benefits to which they are entitled.

After issuing a notification to the Prison Department, authorising them to ensure Aadhaar authentication of prison inmates and their visitors under the provisions of the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules 2020, the MHA said National Informatics Centre (NIC)/ePrisons had developed a standard operating procedure (SOP) for Aadhaar linking/authentication of prisoners/visitors.

However, the notification issued by the ministry dated September 29, 2023, stated that the authentication process would be on a voluntary basis and the States/UTs would have to adhere to the relevant guidelines issued by the Centre from time to time.

Justifying the move to authenticate the inmates and their visitors, the MHA, in a note, said prison security was one of the critical issues for the State to maintain law and order. With the growing inmate population in the country, prison authorities are under pressure to manage them and identify their records.

"The identification of inmates and other stakeholders of prisons is the requirement of the day. This can be achieved by the Aadhaar-based verification of the inmates," the MHA said, adding that the NIC had developed the Aadhaar services integrated with the ePrisons system, and made it functional in 1,309 of the 1,378 prisons in the country.

11.5 crore PAN cards deactivated for not linking with Aadhaar

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

A total of 11.5 crore permanent account numbers (PAN) have been deactivated for not being linked with Aadhaar before the stipulated deadline, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said in a reply to a Right to Information (RTI) query.

The deadline for linking PAN with Aadhaar expired on June 30.

There are 70.24 crore PAN holders in India and among them, 57.25 crore have had their PAN linked with Aadhaar. The CBDT, in its reply, added that over 12 crore PAN had not been linked with Aadhaar, of which 11.5 crore numbers had been deactivated.

The RTI was filed by Madhya Pradesh-based activist Chandra Shekhar Gaur. For new applicants of PAN, the Aadhaar-PAN linking is done automatically during the application stage. For existing PAN holders, who were allotted PAN on or before July 1, 2017, it is "mandatory" to link PAN and Aadhaar. The RTI reply said that under sub-section (2) of Section 139AA of the Income Tax Act, it is mandatory for every person who has been allotted a PAN as on July 1, 2017, to "intimate his Aadhaar number". "This linking of PAN and Aadhaar was required to be done on or before a notified date, failing which PAN becomes inoperative," it said.

"The cost of getting a new PAN card made is ₹91 excluding the Goods and Services Tax. Then, how can the government impose a 10-fold fine for getting the PAN card reactivated? Also, how will people whose PAN cards have gotten deactivated file income tax?" asked Mr. Gaur.

WHO hailed India's success in managing TB: Ministry

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India has made tremendous progress in improving case detection and reversed the impact of COVID-19 on the tuberculosis (TB) programme, noted the World Health Organization's (WHO) 'Global TB Report 2023' released earlier this week, the Union Health Ministry said on Wednesday.

TB treatment coverage, according to the report, has also improved to 80% of the estimated TB cases, an increase of 19% over the previous year.

India's efforts have resulted in the reduction of TB incidence by 16% from 2015 to 2022, almost double the pace at which global TB incidence is declining (which is 8.7%). TB mortality has also reduced by 18% during the same period in India, and globally.

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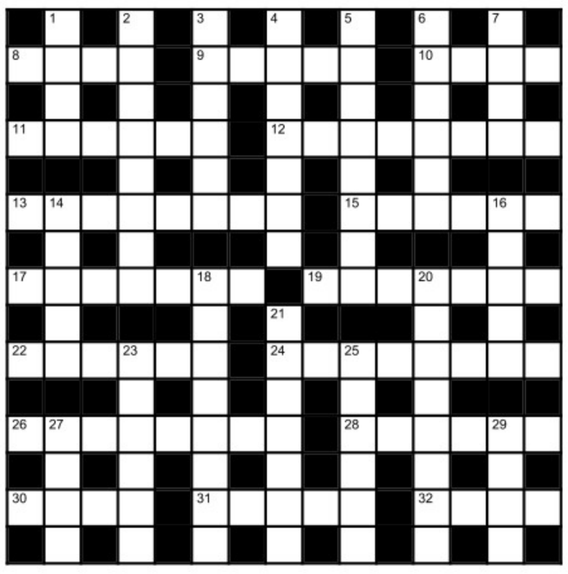

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9 After losing gold, gladiator scrapped to get jewelled headband (5)
10 Having nothing, order a musical instrument (4)
11 Excitedly has butter in retreat (6)
12 Unpaid item destroyed in rest hour? (4,4)
13 What you could be if this line was blank! (8)
15 Student dropping first letter for breadwinner (6)
17 I left chief holding small rotating drum (7)
19 Raise electricity tax with ease, I hear (7)
22 Martial art from Altaic highlands (3,3)
24 Was no net returned for getting carpentry tool? (5,3)
26 Where one may rest holding tea in a relaxed manner, for starters? Right! (8)
28 American wearing pleated sari in country (6)
30 Cooked a meal devoid of energy for monk (4)
31 Christian saint's clear: "Diamonds taken away by American" (5)
32 Alien captures president in doorway leading outside (4)

Down

1 Woman loves taking first session in courts (4)
2 Intrepid female has no hearing organs (8)
3 Setter eating some ice-cream behind animal accommodation and stall (6)
4 A creature whose former part loves to eat the remainder! (7)
5 Goodbye! We're travelling in autumn! (8)
6 Medico rejected fish on mountain (6)
7 Retired gentleman carries spectacles in chamber (4)
14 Los Angeles has included capital (5)
16 More's additional run from a no-ball, for example (5)
18 Friendly... remains so even after losing a hundred... (8)
20 Ivan danced in front of shack and disappeared (8)
21 Draw a model on some land (7)
23 Commanding officer, accompanied by the Chief of Army Staff, drinks (6)
25 No railway track in this country? (6)
27 Starboard propeller makes loud noise (4)
29 Eye part displayed in Kashmiri school (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Savitha the originator

In the Vedas, there are mantras for every nakshatra. We find these mantras in Yajur Veda, Taittiriya Brahmana, said V.S. Karunakaracharier in a discourse. Every nakshatra has a devata, which claims the star as its own. The devata for the star Hastha is Surya. Surya wanted to be known as Savitha. Savitha means originator, and Surya wanted to be the origin of all decisions made by the devas. One is reminded here of the role played by Rakshasa, the minister of the Nandas, in the Sanskrit drama Mudrarakshasa, written by Visakadatta. The Nandas were totally dependent on Rakshasa. Surya wanted the devas to depend on him for everything.

There had been another Savitha prior to this, and Surya decided to honour him and the star Hastha, which had given Savitha such honours. For the homam, special offerings had to be made. Rice balls made from a special rice were needed. The rice must have been harvested in just 60 days. This rice was pounded and made into rice flour. The rice flour was rolled into balls. Mud was used to make 12 small receptacles, which were placed over the fire. The rice balls (*purodasa*) were placed in the mud receptacles and cooked. Once the rice balls were done, the homam could be performed. Surya performed the homam, and became Savitha, the one whom all the devas consulted.

ISLAMABAD

Islamabad blames Kabul for expelling Afghans from Pakistan

AFP

Afghanistan's failure to stop Pakistani militants operating from its soil was to blame for Islamabad expelling hundreds of thousands of Afghan migrants, Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said on Wednesday. Afghans were also deeply involved in suicide attacks and other clashes with Pakistan forces, Mr. Kakar said. AFP

SINGAPORE

China ready to improve ties with U.S. 'at all levels': Vice President

AP

Beijing is ready to hold talks with the United States at "all levels", China's Vice President Han Zheng said at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum in Singapore on Wednesday, ahead of an expected summit between leaders Xi Jinping and Joe Biden. He added that recent high-level meetings were sending "positive signals". AFP

BEIRUT

IS attacks kill 30 pro-government forces in Syria, says war monitor

AFP

Islamic State group attacks killed at least 30 pro-government forces and soldiers in the Syrian desert, a war monitor said on Wednesday, in one of the deadliest such assaults this year. The attacks took place in locations between Raqa, Homs and Deir Ezzor, added the Observatory, which has a vast network of sources. AFP

ADRE

Darfur refugees report spate of ethnic killings by Arab militia, RSF

REUTERS

People fleeing to Chad have reported a new surge in ethnically-driven killings in Sudan's Darfur as the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) took over the main Army base in El Geneina. On Tuesday, refugees said they witnessed killings by Arab militias and RSF targeting the Masalit ethnic group in Ardamata. REUTERS

More Gazans flee as Israeli troops 'battle inside city'

Israeli military says it killed one of Hamas's leading developers of rockets and other weapons; Hamas, meanwhile, denies that Israeli troops have made any significant gains inside Gaza City

Associated Press
KHAN YOUNIS

Running for life: Palestinians going down a road as they flee Gaza City towards the southern areas on Wednesday. REUTERS

Thousands of Palestinians are fleeing south on foot with only what they can carry after running out of food and water in the north, a United Nations agency said on Wednesday, as Israel said its troops were battling Hamas militants deep inside Gaza City.

Over 70% of Gaza's population of 2.3 million have already fled their homes, but the growing numbers making their way south point to an increasingly desperate situation in and around Gaza's largest city, which has come under heavy Israeli bombardment.

The war triggered by Hamas's October 7 assault inside Israel has entered its second month, with an increasingly dire humanitarian situation inside the besieged Palestinian enclave and no end in sight.

Israel has said its war to end Hamas's rule and crush its military capabilities will be long and difficult, and that it will maintain some form of control over the coastal enclave indefinitely. Support for the war remains strong inside Israel, where the focus has been on the plight of the more than 240 hostages held by Hamas and other militant groups.

Four-hour window

About 15,000 people fled northern Gaza on Tuesday – triple the number that left on Monday – according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. They are using Gaza's main north-south highway during a daily four-hour window announced by Israel.

Those fleeing include children, older people and people with disabilities, and most walked with minimal belongings, the U.N. agency said. Some say they had to cross Israeli checkpoints, where they saw people being arrested, while others held their hands in the air and raised white flags while passing Israeli tanks.

The Israeli military said it killed one of Hamas' leading developers of rockets and other weapons, without saying where he was killed. Hamas has denied that Israeli troops have made any significant gains or entered Gaza City. It was not possible to independently confirm battlefield claims from either side.

European Union moves closer to starting accession talks with Kyiv

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Volodymyr Zelenskyy, right, and Ursula von der Leyen attending a press conference in Kyiv, Ukraine, on November 4. AP

The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, on Wednesday, formally declared that the bloc should begin accession negotiations with Ukraine, as well as Moldova. EU leaders will need to approve the recommendation when they meet in December, for accession talks to begin.

"Today is a historic day because today, the Commission recommends that the [European] Council opens accession negotiations with Ukraine and with Moldova," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said at a briefing in Brussels on Wednesday. Welcoming the decision, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Ukraine was reforming state institutions despite the war.

"Our country must be in the European Union," he said in a video posted on X. Reacting to the February 2022 invasion of Ukraine by Russia, the EU revived the idea of the country joining the Union and granted Ukraine candidate status in June last year.

Reforms required

Joining the EU requires potential members to align their laws and economy with the Union and its operating principles. The EU has wanted Ukraine to undertake reforms on seven dimensions, of which, Ukraine will be expected to show further progress in tackling oligarch power, fighting corruption, and – perhaps most importantly for the EU – the rights of minorities. Ms. Von der Leyen said she was able to "convince herself" that 90% of the reforms the EU required of Kyiv had been taken and that further reforms were continuing.

The European Commission also granted Georgia "candidate" status on Wednesday, with the understanding that certain reforms are carried out.

With regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Commission recognised that the country had made progress on reforms, including in fighting organised crime, money laundering and terrorism, according to Ms. Von der Leyen.

However, the EU is looking for further reform. Threats of secession and clamping down on media and LGBT rights by the autonomous Republika Srpska entity within the country have not gone down well with the EU. Bosnian Serb leader Milorad Dodik had said in August that rather than joining the EU with its conditionalities, Bosnia and Herzogivna ought to join BRICS, a grouping of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, with six additional countries in the process of joining the bloc.

"Enlargement is a vital policy for the European Union," Ms. Von der Leyen said. "Completing our Union is the call of history, the natural horizon of our Union." The process to membership can be long winded. Turkiye, for example, began membership talks with the EU just over 18 years ago.

Bangladesh garment worker shot dead

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

A Bangladeshi woman was shot dead on Wednesday in the latest violent protests by garment workers after they rejected a government wage increase offer, with the victim's husband blaming the police.

"She was shot in the head... died on the way to a hospital," said Mohammad Jamal, the husband of 23-year-old sewing machine operator Anjuara Khatun, a mother of two. Jamal said that police had fired on some 400 workers calling for wage increase in the industrial city of Gazipur, outside the capital Dhaka.

U.S. House censures Tlaib over comments

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

The U.S. House of Representatives voted on Tuesday to censure Rashida Tlaib, the only Palestinian-American in Congress, over her comments on the Israel-Hamas war, U.S. media reported. The Democrat was censured by Republicans and some members of her own party in a resolution that passed by 234 votes to 188.

The resolution said Ms. Tlaib was "promoting false narratives regarding the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel and for calling for the destruction of the state of Israel".

The censure identified a series of statements made by Ms. Tlaib, including a video in which she accuses President Joe Biden of supporting what she described as the "genocide" of Palestinians and calling on him to back a ceasefire.

APPOINTMENT

Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education

Appointment of Vice-Chancellor of The English and Foreign Languages University Hyderabad (A Central University)

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. A distinguished academician, with a minimum of ten years of experience as a Professor in a University or ten years of experience in a reputed research and/or academic administrative organization with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership.

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The post carries a pay of Rs. 2,10,000/- (Fixed) per month with Special Allowance of Rs. 11250/- and other usual allowances.

The term and conditions of the services will be those as set forth in the Act, Statutes, and Ordinances of the University.

Procedure for appointment

Appointment will be made from a panel of names recommended by a Committee constituted under the provisions of The English and Foreign Languages University Act, 2006.

The detailed advertisement along with other necessary information are available on the websites **https://www.education.gov.in** and **https ://www.efluniversity.ac.in.**

The applications in the prescribed format should reach within 30 days from the date of publication of this advertisement, **by Email only**

Email address: **akumar.doe@ nic. in**

"Application for the post of Vice Chancellor, EFLU" should be the subject of email.

This Department is not responsible for any delays

Date : 09-11-2023

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Government of Odisha - **"e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE**
WORKS DEPARTMENT
Bid Identification No.C.C.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 39 / 2023-24
e-mail : ccekeonjharpwdcircle@gmail.com / sekcpwd_keonjhar@yahoo.com
Letter No.6017, dt.04.11.2023

1. No of the work	:- 3 number Building Works.
2. Estimated cost	:- Rs.216.70 Lakhs to Rs.411.03 Lakhs.
3. Class of Contractor	:- "B" & "A" Class
4. Period of completion	:- 05 (Five) Calendar Months to 12 (Twelve) Calendar Months
5. Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal	:- From 11.00 Hours of 13.11.2023 to 16.00 Hours of 22.11.2023.
6. Last date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal	:- 16.00 Hours of 22.11.2023
7. Date of opening of Bid from Portal	:- 11.30 Hours on 23.11.2023
8. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	:- Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758001.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **"http://tendersodisha.gov.in"**
Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar.
B-1213: OIPR-34033/11/0054/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER,
CENTRAL IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR.
'e' Procurement Notice No. ACECIC-11/2023-24

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Name of Work	Cost of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	Bid Security (Rs.) E.M.D.	Cost of Bid documents (Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Bid documents available online for bidding From	To	Date of opening of Technical Bid	Period of completion of work
ACE, CIC, Bhubaneswar	PID-10/2023-24	Renovation of Madhipur Minor from RD.0.00 Km to 5.300 Km and Anantapur Minor from RD.0.00 Km to 2.704 Km under Kanas Branch Canal System	780.19	780200/- (On Line)	10000/- (On Line)	"A" & "Special" Class	10.11.2023 At 10.00 Hours	24.11.2023 At 17.00 Hours	28.11.2023 At 11.00 Hours	12 (Twelve Calendar Month)

e-mail ID:- **secic_dowr@yahoo.com**
Further details conditions can be seen from Govt. website:**www.tenderodisha.gov.in**
Additional Chief Engineer, Central Irrigation Circle
A-798: OIPR-32160/11/0012/2324

E-mail.ID-sectcrb_2006@yahoo.co.in ; Tel/Fax – 0671-2301751/2302751
Government of Odisha
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CUTTACK (R&B) CIRCLE, CUTTACK
('e' – PROCUREMENT NOTICE)
Bid Identification No.CCE.Ctc.(R&B)24/2023-24

1. The Chief Construction Engineer, Cuttack (R&B) Circle, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on Percentage rate basis bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Building works as mentioned below.

2.	No. of work	: 03 Nos.
3.	Nature of work	: Building Works.
4.	Class of contractor	: 'A' Class
5.	Tender Paper Cost	: Rs.10000/- (Online)
6.	Available of bid document in the web site	: From 09.11.2023 to 17.30 Hours of 20.11.2023
7.	Date of opening of bid	: Dt. 21.11.2023 at 11.00 Hours.

8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said web site.

Chief Construction Engineer, Cuttack (R&B) Circle
B-1220 : OIPR-34012/11/0038/2324

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Telefax: - +91-674-2391444; E-mail – ceowatcoodisha@gmail.com; md@watcoodisha.in
INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) - Bid Identification No. WATCO(W)-35/2023-24, Dtd.06.11.2023
WATCO No.6946, Date: 06.11.2023

1.	Name of the work	: " Procurement of ISI marked DI K-9 & K-7, socket & spigot pressure pipes of different diameters for WATCO Division-I, Bhubaneswar."
2.	Types of Bid	: Double Cover (Technical & Financial)
2.	Estimated Cost	: Rs.960.34 Lakh
3.	Period of completion	: 2 (Two) Months
4.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal.	: From 11.00 AM of Dt.09.11.2023 to 5.00 PM of 23.11.2023
5.	Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	: 5.00 PM of 23.11.2023
6.	Date & Time of opening of technical bids	: 12.30 PM of 24.11.2023
7.	Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	: CEO, WATCO Telefax:- 0674-2391444. E-Mail : ceowatcoodisha@gmail.com; md@watcoodisha.in ; mailto : eephibbsr@ori.nic.in

8. The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only.

Further details can be seen from the web site **www.tendersodisha.gov.in"**
CEO, WATCO
C-1772 : OIPR-13194/11/0058/2324

ODISHA STATE SEEDS CORPORATION LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING)
SANTARAPUR, BHUBANESWAR- 751002.
Tel-MD 0674- 2340573, E-mail - mdosscltd456@gmail.com
NIT No.OSSC/Mktg(Hort)-44/2023
Short e-Tender Call Notice

OSSC Ltd. invites e-Tender from **Registered Private Nursery Owner Licensed from Directorate of Horticulture or any other Govt Institute or Licensed Suppliers dealing with Horticultural Planting Materials** on item wise rate contract basis for Procurement of **different planting materials** for the year 2023-24 in double cover system through online mode only for the work below.

Name of the work	Purchase of following **for the year 2023-24** **1. APPLE BER BUDDED/GRAFTED PLANTLET,** **2. Apple ber Budded/ Grafted Plant,** **3. Apple Budded / Grafted Plant,** **4. Custard Apple Graft,** **5. Passion Fruit Planting Material,** **6. Avocado Planting Material**
No of work	Six
Availability of Bid Documents in Portal	15.00 hrs of dt. 09.11.2023 to 17.00 hrs of dt.18.11.2023
Last date of receipt of tender in portal	17.00 hrs of dt.18.11.2023
Date and Time Opening of Bid	10.30 hrs of dt.20.11.2023

The detailed descriptions of varieties, quantity, parameters, terms and conditions and other details of tender specified in the tender schedule would be made available in the e-Tender portal **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** . Any addendum/ corrigendum/ cancellation can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- **Managing Director, OSSC Ltd., BBSR**
CAD-2773 : OIPR-01106/11/0063/2324

ODISHA STATE SEEDS CORPORATION LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING)
SANTARAPUR, BHUBANESWAR- 751002.
Tel-MD 0674- 2340573, E-mail - mdosscltd456@gmail.com
Tender No.OSSC/Mktg(Hort) - 46/2023
Short e-Tender Call Notice for Procurement of Certified Coriander Seeds for Rabi-2023-24

OSSC Ltd., invites Short e-Tender only from Registered Coriander Seed Producers (and in case of GOI PSUs, their authorized Agencies) on item wise rate contract basis for procurement of Certified Coriander Seeds for Rabi-2023-24 in double Cover System only through Online Mode only for the works below.

Name of the work	Purchase of Certified Coriander Seeds for Rabi - 2023-24
Nos of work	One
Availability of Bid documents in Portal	15 hours on 09.11.2023 to 17 hours of 18.11.2023
Last date of receipt of tender in portal	17 hours of 18.11.2023
Date and Time of Opening of Bid	10.30 hours of 20.11.2023

The detailed descriptions of crops, varieties, quantity, parameters, terms and conditions and other details of tender specified in the tender schedule would be made available in the e-Tender portal **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum/ corrigendum/ cancellation can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- **Managing Director, OSSC Ltd.**
CAD-2771 : OIPR-01106/11/0065/2324

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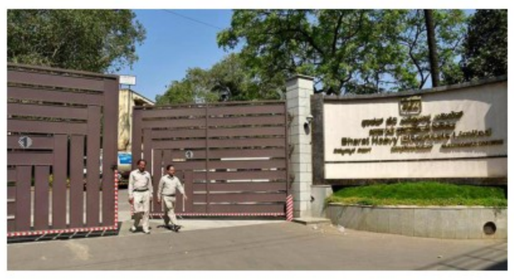


BHEL reported ₹238 crore consolidated net loss in Q2

State-owned engineering firm Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) reported a consolidated net loss of ₹238.12 crore for September quarter of 2023-24. The company had logged a profit of ₹12.10 crore in the year-earlier period, a BSE filing showed. Total income dipped to ₹5,305.38 crore in the quarter from ₹5,418.74 crore in the same period year earlier. The company had also reported a consolidated net loss of ₹343.89 crore in April-June period this fiscal year. PTI

Reliance Capital slips to a Q2 loss of ₹239 cr. as costs climb

Reliance Capital on Wednesday reported a consolidated net loss of ₹239 crore for the quarter ended September 30. The company had posted a net profit of ₹215 crore in the year-earlier period. Total income rose to ₹6,393 crore in the second quarter from ₹5,796 crore in the year-earlier period, Reliance Capital said in a regulatory filing. Total expenses increased to ₹6,679 crore as compared with ₹5,756 crore in the same quarter a year earlier. PTI

EID Parry reports standalone Q2 net profit of ₹86 crore

EID Parry India Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the September quarter rose marginally to ₹86 crore, from ₹85 crore in the year-earlier period, due to "export release order restrictions imposed by the Centre," the company said. Revenue from operations registered a 13% growth at ₹726 crore, the leading sugar producer said in a statement. The company's board approved an interim dividend of ₹4 per equity share, which will be payable by November 21.

U.S. to invest $553 mn. in Adani's Sri Lanka port terminal project

U.S. International Development Finance Corp. to fund the Adani Ports' JV building a deep-water shipping container terminal in Port of Colombo

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Porting in: U.S. DFC CEO Scott Nathan is 'glad' that a consortium that includes the Sri Lankan government is executing the project. AP

The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) has agreed to invest $553 million in the Adani Ports-led container terminal project in Colombo, less than a year after U.S. investment research firm Hindenburg Research accused the Adani Group of pulling the "largest con in corporate history".

The DFC seeks to drive private-sector investments that "advance development and economic growth while strengthening the strategic positions of our partners," CEO Scott Nathan said at a media conference in Colombo on Wednesday.

The investment in the West Container Terminal, which Mr. Nathan termed as "impressive" after a visit to the facility, is aimed at catering to growing economies in the region, by taking advantage of Sri Lanka's prime location along major shipping routes, according to U.S. officials.

'Compromise deal'

Adani Ports signed a $700-million deal with the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) and Sri Lankan conglomerate John Keells Holdings in September 2021 to jointly develop the terminal. The move followed an abrupt decision by former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa – he was ousted from power by a people's uprising during last year's economic meltdown – to eject the governments of India and Japan out of the East Container Terminal project at the same port. His government had said the West terminal was offered to India as "a compromise", and that Adani Ports was brought in as New Delhi's "nominee".

Subsequently, the Colombo West International Terminal Pvt. Ltd. was set up as a consortium comprising Adani Ports (51% stake), John Keells and SLPA to execute the project on a Build-Operate-Transfer basis spanning 35 years.

Asked about the DFC's decision to invest in a project led by the Adani Group, which is facing a regulatory probe in the wake of Hindenburg Research's allegations of accounting fraud and stock price manipulation, Mr. Nathan sought to underplay the allegations.

'Unit not implicated'

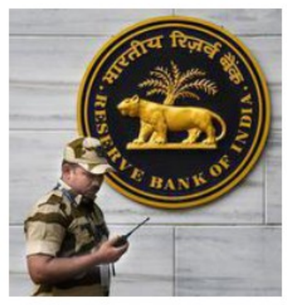
"I don't think Adani Ports, the subsidiary, was implicated in any of the allegations you mention," Mr. Nathan told a group of foreign correspondents on the sidelines of the event.

The U.S. and the DFC were "committed to high standards that includes transparency and due diligence of partners," the U.S. official asserted.

"We are highly focused on anti-corruption and sustainability," he said, adding that he was "very glad" that a consortium, which included the Government of Sri Lanka, was executing the Colombo terminal project.

'RBI may cut rates in 2024-25 if food inflation is tamed'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI



S&P Global Ratings expects the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to cut interest rates in 2024-25 if food inflation and the monsoon don't play spoilsport next year, and believes India would stick to its indicated fiscal glide path till 2026 despite the extension of the free food grain scheme by adjusting other spends.

The rating major, which expects India's GDP to grow 6% this year and 6.9% the next two years, said the country's economic growth shines brightly among its BBB- to A-rated peers in the Asia-Pacific region, but higher rates pose a fiscal headwind.

Indian government bond yields, which have historically been higher than its peers, still remain high and put additional pressure on the cost of funding the country's large debt stock, it noted. "While growth supports market confidence and revenue generation, rates dynamics will be an additional determinant of India's debt trajectory over the next few years," the firm said in a note on Asia-Pacific Credit Outlook for 2024.

Vishrut Rana, senior economist, Asia-Pacfic at S&P Global said monetary policy is likely to be a key economic theme through 2024, in the backdrop of the 'higher for longer' interest rates in the U.S.

In India's case, headline inflationary pressures are likely to remain controlled over the next several months and that means there is room for the central bank to consider normalising monetary policy, though the central bank is likely to keep one eye on financial stability and the other on exchange rates and capital flow stability amid tight global conditions.

'Swing factor'

"Having said that, we do expect that interest rates will be lower in the next fiscal year. The RBI is likely to proceed to cut interest rates, while inflationary pressures remain under control," Mr. Rana said, adding that food inflation will always remain the "swing factor" for India. "As long as we see normal monsoons next year, interest rates are likely to be headed lower," he concluded.

On the extension of the free foodgrains scheme for five more years and concerns that more freebies could be announced ahead of the general elections, possibly denting India's fiscal health, the rating firm's sovereign ratings director Andrew Wood said they may not have a major impact in the medium-term.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	64,976	0.05
US Dollar	83.30	-0.03
Gold	61,350	-0.24
Brent oil	80.64	-2.79

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2259.95	26.60
Adani Ports	818.70	21.15
Apollo Hosp	5110.95	-25.90
Asian Paints	3095.25	61.90
Axis Bank	1021.70	0.80
Bajaj Auto	5397.60	-21.40
Bajaj Finserv	1575.50	5.70
Bajaj Finance	7459.95	-35.65
Bharti Airtel	936.75	-0.40
BPCL	384.20	11.40
Britannia Ind	4670.60	15.40
Cipla	1241.00	24.55
Coal India	317.40	3.15
Divis Lab	3490.90	9.50
Dr Reddys Lab	5453.55	49.20
Eicher Motors	3550.30	41.25
Grasim Ind	1933.85	12.30
HCL Tech	1267.65	-6.30
HDFC Bank	1491.55	4.30
HDFC Life	618.75	-3.70
Hero MotoCorp	3132.10	1.85
Hindalco	488.05	3.50
Hind Unilever	2519.35	22.90
ICICI Bank	935.75	-12.35
IndusInd Bank	1488.95	2.55
Infosys	1391.00	-13.30
ITC	436.95	4.25
JSW Steel	756.70	8.10
Kotak Bank	1746.25	-5.00
L&T	2996.45	35.15
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5233.40	46.45
M&M	1487.40	7.65
Maruti Suzuki	10322.30	69.00
NestleIndia	24281.55	-87.95
NTPC	236.70	-2.45
ONGC	195.35	2.15
PowerGrid Corp	207.00	-1.00
Reliance Ind	2335.90	12.10
SBI Life	1345.50	4.65
State Bank	580.30	0.55
Sun Pharma	1176.70	5.75
TataConsumerProduct	916.30	-5.75
Tata Motors	642.55	-2.45
Tata Steel	119.05	-0.60
TCS	3381.55	11.10
Tech Mahindra	1139.15	-9.85
Titan	3311.85	41.65
UltraTech Cement	8698.85	13.10
UPL	555.70	3.70
Wipro	382.20	-1.10

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 08

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.07	83.39
Euro	88.59	88.93
British Pound	101.78	102.18
Japanese Yen (100)	55.09	55.30
Chinese Yuan	11.41	11.45
Swiss Franc	92.08	92.44
Singapore Dollar	61.20	61.45
Canadian Dollar	60.25	60.48
Malaysian Ringitt	17.74	17.82
Australian Dollar	53.36	53.57

Source:Indian Bank

Tata Power Q2 net profit grows 9% to ₹1,017 crore

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Tata Power Ltd. reported consolidated second-quarter net profit grew 9% to ₹1,017 crore year-on-year on strong fundamentals of all its businesses, including renewables, CEO & MD Praveer Sinha said.

This is the company's 16th consecutive quarter of growth in net profit.

The company said it had maintained strong financial performance on the back of a healthy balance sheet, operational excellence, and synergies across all business clusters.

Revenue climbs 9%

Consolidated revenue rose by 9% to ₹15,442 crore, largely driven by higher revenue from core businesses of generation, transmission and distribution.

During the quarter, 84% of contribution to the company's PAT came from the core businesses, while the contributions from overseas joint ventures, including coal mining operations, continued to decline.

"Our adherence to financial discipline, operational excellence along with business resilience and diversification helped us in maintaining this consistent profit growth," he added.

Dr. Sinha said the company was constantly focusing on new areas of growth such as the greenfield solar cell and module manufacturing plant in Tamil Nadu which had produced its first module in this quarter and was on track to roll out the first cell into Q4FY24.

"We are continually taking significant strides in enabling green-energy transition by supplying round-the-clock renewable energy with hybrid solar and wind plants along with pumped storage plants."

The clean-energy portfolio reached a capacity of 5,500 MW during Q2 FY24, standing at 38% of total installed generation capacity. In the next two years, renewable energy would constitute 50% of total capacity. Dr. Sinha said by 2030, about 70% of the company's installed capacity would be clean energy.

Biocon arm inks ₹366-cr. deal with Eric Lifesciences

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Biocon Biologics Ltd. (BBL), a subsidiary of Biocon, has entered into a definitive agreement with Eris Lifesciences (Eris) for divesting its dermatology and nephrology branded formulations business units in India for ₹366 crore, the company said in a statement on Wednesday.

The transaction is a 'slump sale' that will enable a seamless transfer of the product brands and employees associated with these businesses. Total transaction value of the divestment includes working capital conveyed as part of the deal and represents an accretive multiple of 4x on revenues and 22x on EBITDA, Biocon said.

With ₹7,000 cr., Dabur India scouts for acquisitions

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Homegrown FMCG maker Dabur India, armed with a cash reserve of ₹7,000 crore, is scouting for acquisitions in the healthcare and home & personal care segments, according to its CEO Mohit Malhotra.

Dabur is also looking for acquisitions in the online space; and with several Direct to Consumer brands operating in the space, it finds valuations "more reasonable" now and will pursue targets if it finds a suitable one, he said.

The company is scaling its presence in the online space where it plans to introduce more innovations under existing brands and through inorganic opportunities.

"We do not want to do any organic new brand launches with the exception of skincare and premium skincare that we are not present in," Mr. Malhotra said. "That is where we might do an exception otherwise we look at it to see acquisitions," he added.

If Dabur gets any "reasonable valuation", then it might look at an acquisition for which it has "around ₹7,000 crore lying in our balance sheet," he added.

Indian insurers said to lead bids for Reliance Industries' mega bond sale

Reuters
MUMBAI

Touted to be India's second-biggest corporate bond issue, RIL aims to raise up to ₹200 billion

Reliance Industries' upcoming bond issue, touted to be the second-biggest for an Indian firm, will see strong demand from insurers, with aggressive bidding enabling the conglomerate to borrow at rates that just top the sovereign yield, several merchant bankers said.

The billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led company aims to raise up to ₹200 billion via 10-year bonds on Thursday, its first such fundraise since May 2020.

"There is demand from long-term investors like insurance and pension funds. There has been a limited number of corporate bonds issuance in longer tenor in the last two quarters, so, this RIL issue comes at an opportune time," said Badrish Kulhalli, head of fixed income at HDFC Life Insurance.

In February, HDFC raised ₹250 billion via 10-year bonds at 7.97% coupon, making it the biggest bond issue by an Indian company.

"Reliance's longer-tenor bond issue is attractive and we expect around 50%-70% of the issue size to be taken up by LIC, and another 10%-20% by a state-run provident fund house," a banker aware of the development said.

Reliance and LIC did not reply to Reuters emails seeking comment.

The company is likely to receive bids in the range of 7.70%-7.80%, around 30-40 basis points (bps) above the 10-year benchmark government bond yield on an annualised basis, traders said.

Reliance's bonds, rated AAA by CRISIL, are partly paid where 50% of the issue size will be paid on allotment day, which is Friday and the remainder on December 15.

"The partly paid debenture structure, with staggered redemption, suits mainly insurance companies," said Venkatakrishnan Srinivasan, founder, Rockfort Fincap.

Reliance said it will use proceeds from the issue to refinance existing borrowings, and on capex.

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Website: www.pspcl.in
Tender Enquiry No. 307/DIT-1118(Vol-1) dated 07-11-2023
Dy. CE/IT(O&S) Fourth Floor PSPCL Head Office, The Mall, Patiala invites e-tender for AMC of VMware for PSPCL. For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 07.11.2023, 4:00 pm onwards.
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EMAIL : gadagcooptex@yahoo.co.in
Tender Number :GCTM/"E" Tender/Lease/T2/29/845 Dated:09/11/2023
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Last date and time for Bid Submission	: 20.12.2023 at 05.00 PM
Date and time for Technical Bid Opening	: 21.12.2023 at 11.00 AM
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EMD	: Rs.10 Lakhs

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DIFFERENT GOALS

I thought about getting to 200 but Maxi thought about win: Cummins

EMMANUAL YOGINI

Pat Cummins said that he thought winning was out of question when he walked in at 91/7. "I thought if we can somehow scratch to 200, our net run rate should be pretty good for the semifinal. But Maxi thought differently, he was kind of mapping out how he was going to do it. I was just trying to survive," said Cummins.

AFGHAN COACH'S ANGUISH

Trott wishes there was rule to station fielders in the stands

GETTY IMAGES

As Glenn Maxwell's shots kept soaring into the Mumbai skyline, Afghanistan head coach Jonathan Trott wished there was a rule to station fielders in the stands as that was the only way to get him out. Maxwell made the most of a dropped catch to score 201 n.o. (128b, 21x4, 10x6).

KNOCK FOR THE AGES

Kohli lauds 'Freak' Maxwell's double ton against Afghanistan

EMMANUAL YOGINI

Virat Kohli heaped praise on RCB teammate Glenn Maxwell for a knock for the ages that helped five-time champion Australia seal a spot in the semifinals. Kohli took to his *Instagram* story and posted a special post for Maxwell. Sharing an image of 'Big Show' Maxwell, Kohli wrote, "Only you could do this. Freak."

INDIAN DOMINATION

Gill and Siraj take the top spots in the ICC ODI rankings

EMMANUAL YOGINI

India opener Shubman Gill and pacer Mohammed Siraj on Wednesday grabbed the top positions in the batting and bowling charts respectively in the ICC ODI rankings. While Gill replaced Pakistan skipper Babar Azam from the top of the batters' chart, Siraj displaced South Africa spinner Keshav Maharaj in the bowlers' list.

With a semifinal spot on the line, Kiwis take on wounded Lankans

A victory for New Zealand will see it edge ahead of Afghanistan and Pakistan on net run-rate while a washout will give the other two teams a lifeline; the islanders would look to sign off with a win and boost their Champions Trophy chances

ODI WORLD CUP

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

With Australia having sealed a semifinal spot with an epic win on Tuesday night, the race is on to grab the fourth and last remaining berth.

New Zealand will emerge as the frontrunner to win this sprint, if the side can post a victory over Sri Lanka at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Wednesday. This will take the Kiwis two points clear of the chasing pack - Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Crucially, New Zealand holds the advantage with the best net run rate among the three teams.

New Zealand needs to shake off a recent slump of four consecutive defeats. The most recent slip came at this venue at the hands of Pakistan. New Zealand was comfortably placed after scoring 401 for six, but a fine century from Fakhar Zaman and incessant rain ruined the party. Skipper Kane Williamson must now wonder what constitutes a par score in this notoriously high-scoring ground.

Gearing up: New Zealand will look to bring its A-game in what will be a crucial contest. K. MURALI KUMAR

Rain threat

Rain is once again predicted to arrive on Thursday, which could spell disaster for New Zealand. If the match is abandoned without a result, the doors will be left wide open for Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The return of fast bowler Lockie Ferguson, out for the last two outings with an injury, strengthens New Zealand's attack.

Ferguson could take the place of leg-spinner Ish Sodhi, who went for 44 runs in his four overs against Pakistan.

The stage is perfectly set for Rachin Ravindra, with roots in this city, to shine. Ravindra, who scored a century here on Saturday, will go to the top of the tournament run-scorer list with one more good showing.

Sri Lanka, out of the reckoning, plays for pride. The defeat to Bangladesh a few days ago effectively ended hopes of progressing to the next stage.

To make matters worse, the ignominious 'timed out' dismissal of Angelo Mathews left a sour taste in the camp.

To sign off with a win will bring some positives to an otherwise poor Lankan campaign.

Today's match

New Zealand CRICKET vs. Sri Lanka Cricket

New Zealand | Sri Lanka

Bengaluru, **2 p.m.**

H2H IN ODIs

Played **101**

New Zealand	Sri Lanka	Tied	NR
51	41	1	8

EYE ON THE SKY

High: **30**°C
Low: **20**°C

Generally cloudy with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers

SOURCE: IMD

We can't control the weather, our focus is on the cricket: Williamson

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

The rain prediction for the crucial New Zealand-Sri Lanka match here on Thursday does not faze New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson.

"We can't control the weather. There may be a thought in the back of your mind, but at the end of the day, our focus is on the cricket," Williamson said in a press conference here on Wednesday.

Williamson described Glenn Maxwell's masterclass knock against Afghanistan on Tuesday as an "incredibly special knock".

"It was an incredibly special knock. Not just the runs, but the situation, as he was clearly struggling physically. To be able to pull that off, and in a partnership with Pat Cummins is without doubt one of the great World Cup victories," Williamson said.

"At the same time, it was a tough one for Afghanistan. They've been excellent, and they probably won 80 to 90% of that game. In white ball cricket, things can change quickly," he added.

Sri Lanka assistant coach Naveed Nawaz stated that the side is keen to finish in the top-eight in order to qualify for the Champions Trophy 2025.

"This is a crucial game. The Champions Trophy scenario says we need to win it. Our preparation was like any other game. Everyone is very positive," Nawaz said.

Centre of attention: The Sri Lankan players watch as Mathews displays his football skills. K. MURALI KUMAR

Baffling why Kiwis used the spinners to complete 20 overs and let DLS come into play

Sunil Gavaskar

After one of the most astonishing innings in World Cup history by Glenn Maxwell, can we expect the rest of the games to reach the same level of excellence? Or even come anywhere close to it?

If indeed, one of the games produces something even remotely similar then this will be a truly unforgettable World Cup, never mind who wins it.

As luck would have it, the 1983 World Cup-winning team had gathered for an event in Delhi that evening and while we didn't actually see Maxwell's innings, we all could relate to it because we had been blessed to witness our skipper make 175 not out after we had been reduced to 17 for five.

The team, inspired by the innings and also sensing a change in fortunes, went on to win the World Cup.

Australia could well do the same after such a phenomenal effort and poor Afghanistan will have to lift themselves up in a superhuman effort for their last game and try and qualify for the knockouts.

New Zealand, too, after a string of defeats brought about more by some ordinary captaincy than anything else, will also need to find extra motivation to defeat the already eliminated Sri Lanka side to keep themselves in the hunt for a place in the semifinals.

New Zealand captain and the coach need to be asked why, despite rain clouds hovering and knowing that the DLS method will favour the team batting second, it was decided to go with spinners at both ends and complete 20 overs (the minimum required for the DLS method to come into play).

The rains came down almost immediately after and Pakistan got a lifeline by winning.

Even in the earlier games it was baffling why James Neesham who bowls the perfect pace and length for batters to hit into the stands was given the ball especially in the final overs.

He may get the odd wicket but it usually comes at a heavy price.

The weather may also play a part and if New Zealand aren't cricket smart they could be packing their bags for the long trip home.

(Professional Management Group)

Relaxed Indian team trains at Chinnaswamy

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

It was a typically quiet homecoming for India head coach Rahul Dravid at the team's optional training session at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Wednesday.

India takes on the Netherlands in its last league game here on Sunday. Former India and Karnataka captain Dravid, among the first to enter the field, had a close look at the pitch that will be used for the New Zealand-Sri Lanka clash here on Thursday. He took some time out to chat with an old friend – former India and Karnataka left-arm spinner Raghuram Bhat.

Kohli takes rest

Virat Kohli, on the cusp of breaking Sachin Tendulkar's ODI century record, gave the session a miss.

Skipper Rohit Sharma, sporting a relaxed orange tank top, did not bat, but engaged in a lengthy, animated discussion with Shreyas Iyer and Shubman Gill.

Shreyas and Gill hammered big shots aplenty, eliciting nervy screams of 'watch out!' as the ball whizzed dangerously towards unsuspecting onlookers.

Bowlers bat first

Mohammed Siraj and Jasprit Bumrah were given first strike with the bat.

After his stint, Bumrah held court with an enthusiastic group of net bowlers. When Bumrah bowled, he hit Ishan Kishan with a rising delivery.

Down for the count

Kishan was down for the count, before eventually getting back on his feet to resume batting duties.

Fast bowler Prasidh Krishna, yet to get a game in this World Cup, bowled at full tilt for nearly the full session.

Batting clinic: Bumrah teaches Siraj the way to wield the willow. K. MURALI KUMAR

Perfect all-rounder: Jadeja showcases his skills with a baseball bat. K. MURALI KUMAR

Holding court: Rohit gives tips to Shreyas and Gill as batting coach Rathour looks on. K. MURALI KUMAR

Stokes and Malan keep England's Champions Trophy hopes alive

The all-rounder's maiden hundred in the 50-over showpiece and the opener's 87 pilot Buttler's men to 339; Woakes chips in with a half-century; Moeen and Rashid spin the side to a 160-run win; the loss sends the Dutchmen packing

ODI WORLD CUP

Amol Karhadkar
PUNE

In sublime touch: Stokes' match-swinging century contained six fours and six sixes. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Ben Stokes is no stranger to the Maharashtra Cricket Association stadium, having hit his maiden Indian Premier League at the same venue in 2017. Despite having had a quiet tournament so far, Stokes finally came to the party to set up England's win over the Netherlands in its penultimate World Cup fixture.

Stokes' stroke-filled century and his 129-run partnership with Chris Woakes for the seventh wicket ensured Dawid Malan's good work at the top did not go waste.

Once England ran away with the last 10 overs to pile on 339 for nine, its highest tally of the tournament, the Netherlands crumbled in the chase.

The 160-run win – only the second win for the defending champion – meant England remained in the race to finish in top eight and qualify for the 2025 Champions Trophy.

Had it not been for Stokes and Woakes' pyrotechnics, it may have been staring down the barrel in the European Derby.

Stokes took guard in the 21st over after Joe Root's attempted reverse-nothing shot resulted in the ball squeezing between his pads and crashing into the stumps.

At 133 for two, and Malan racing towards his second century, England was in control.

But Malan was involved in a needless run-out soon after and Netherlands choked the run-flow to put an underwhelming England middle-order in distress. The Netherlands picked five for 59 in the 15-over passage to leave England reeling at 192 for six in the 36th.

Stokes had held one end together and he found an ally in Woakes.

Even when the latter was playing freely, the former preferred to be restrained.

Only in the 43rd over did the left-hander open his shoulders up to dispatch Bas de Leede over midwicket fence to raise his fifty.

Floodgates open

That over opened the floodgates as England added a whopping 110 runs in the last eight overs.

Off-spinner Aryan Dutt, the pick of the Dutch bowlers with figures of 9-0-43-2 – was taken to the cleaners in his last over.

On either side of a contentious lbw DRS review going in Stokes' favour, the left-hander tonked three sixes and a four off Dutt in the 45th over that went for 24 runs.

Reverse sweep

He brought up his hundred by reverse-sweeping pacer Paul van Mekereen in the 48th over.

Woakes went after de Leede in the next over to bring up his fifty to take the target well out of the Netherlands' reach.

The England bowling unit complemented the batting group's effort as it picked up wickets at regular intervals to seal things in the 38th over.

Final nail: van Meekeran is stumped by Buttler off Moeen to signal England's big win. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND

Jonny Bairstow c van Meekeren b Dutt 15 *(17b, 2x4)*, Dawid Malan run out 87 *(74b, 10x4, 2x6)*, Joe Root b van Beek 28 *(35b, 1x4)*, Ben Stokes c Engelbrecht b van Beek 108 *(84b, 6x4, 6x6)*, Harry Brook c Ackermann b de Leede 11 *(16b, 2x4)*, Jos Buttler c Nidamanuru b van Meekeren 5 *(11b)*, Moeen Ali c de Leede b Dutt 4 *(15b)*, Chris Woakes c Edwards b de Leede 51 *(45b, 5x4, 1x6)*, David Willey c Engelbrecht b de Leede 6 *(2b, 1x6)*, Gus Atkinson (not out) 2 *(1b)*, Adil Rashid (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (w-20, nb-1): 21; Total (for nine wkts. in 50 overs): 339.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-48 (Bairstow, 6.6 overs), 2-133 (Root, 20.2), 3-139 (Malan, 21.6), 4-164 (Brook, 26.5), 5-178 (Buttler, 30.1), 6-192 (Moeen, 35.2), 7-321 (Woakes, 48.4), 8-327 (Willey, 48.6), 9-334 (Stokes, 49.4).

NETHERLANDS BOWLING

Dutt 10-0-67-2, van Beek 10-0-88-2, van Meekeren 10-0-57-1, de Leede 10-0-74-3, van der Merwe 3-0-22-0, Ackermann 7-0-31-0.

NETHERLANDS

Wesley Barresi run out 37 *(62b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Max O'Dowd c Moeen b Woakes 5 *(11b, 1x4)*, Colin Ackermann c Buttler b Willey 0 *(2b)*, Sybrand Engelbrecht c Woakes b Willey 33 *(49b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Scott Edwards c Malan b Moeen 38 *(42b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Bas de Leede b Adil Rashid 10 *(12b, 2x4)*, Teja Nidamanuru (not out) 41 *(34b, 2x4, 3x6)*, Logan van Beek c Malan b Adil Rashid 2 *(2b)*, Roelof van der Merwe c Adil Rashid b Moeen 0 *(4b)*, Aryan Dutt b Adil Rashid 1 *(3b)*, Paul van Meekeren st. Buttler b Moeen 4 *(3b, 1x4)*; Extras (lb-4, w-4): 8; Total (in 37.2 overs): 179.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-12 (O'Dowd, 4.5), 2-13 (Ackermann, 5.4), 3-68 (Barresi, 17.3), 4-90 (Engelbrecht, 22.4), 5-104 (de Leede, 25.3), 6-163 (Edwards, 33.5), 7-166 (van Beek, 34.5), 8-167 (van der Merwe, 35.4), 9-174 (Dutt, 36.4).

ENGLAND BOWLING

Woakes 7-0-19-1, Willey 7-2-19-2, Atkinson 7-0-41-0, Moeen 8.2-0-42-3, Adil Rashid 8-0-54-3.

Toss: England; **PoM:** Stokes.
England won by 160 runs.

Next assignment

ENGLAND: November 11 vs. **Pakistan,** *Kolkata, 2 p.m.*

NETHERLANDS: November 12 vs. **India,** *Bengaluru, 2 p.m.*

Points table

	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
India (Q)	8	8	0	16	2.456
South Africa (Q)	8	6	2	12	1.376
Australia (Q)	8	6	2	12	0.861
New Zealand	8	4	4	8	0.398
Pakistan	8	4	4	8	0.036
Afghanistan	8	4	4	8	-0.338
England (E)	8	2	6	4	-0.885
Bangladesh (E)	8	2	6	4	-1.142
Sri Lanka (E)	8	2	6	4	-1.160
Netherlands (E)	8	2	6	4	-1.635

Q: Qualified | E: Eliminated

From Tunbridge Wells to the Wankhede — the relationship between superstitions and cricket

Trendsetters: Maxwell's unbeaten double century against Afghanistan and Kapil's 175 not out against Zimbabwe in 1983 will stand the test of time. EMMANUAL YOGINI & GETTY IMAGES

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

It was a cold morning in Tunbridge Wells back then in 1983 and after 40 years, the warm evening at the Wankhede carried the same vibes.

It was Kapil Dev back then and it was Glenn Maxwell now.

It was 17 for five against an unheralded Zimbabwe team full of professionals playing league cricket in England back then and on Tuesday night, it was 91 for seven against an Afghanistan attack full of T20 league freelancers across the globe.

The similarities do not end there.

On June 25, 1983, team manager P.R. Man Singh didn't allow Krishnamachari Srikkanth to take a leak as Kapil bulldozed the Peter Rawsons and Kevin Curran. Everyone was told to stay put where they are till Kapil was batting.

Superstitions and cricket have had a long-standing relationship and when Maxwell was on a carnage, the Australian players were "fixated" in their designated dressing room positions till he swatted Mujeeb ur Rahaman for a six.

"I was sitting with George Bailey and Zamps (Adam Zampa) kept floating in and out. He was probably a bit nervous at the end but everyone was sort of fixated (on) where they were and sort of set up our camp," Josh Hazlewood told the media here after Australia won the game and qualified for the semifinals.

"I do not think sitting there, there were that many nerves. It slightly crept on as the innings got going. I was just blown away by what happened and just got caught up watching like everyone else. I did not think about batting at all," Hazlewood added.

"That is No 1, I think. We have seen a hundred off 40 balls not long ago and I cannot remember an ODI innings from anyone (which) can match that," Hazlewood said.

"I am happy he is on my team – he can hit 360 (degrees). It is like bowling to SKY (Suryakumar Yadav) and Jos Buttler at times. You do not know where to put the fielders – he has got so many shots, it is hard work," said the pacer when asked about where he would bowl to Maxwell.

Stay on your feet and minimise running: physio's advice to Maxwell

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Words of wisdom: Physiotherapist Jones' advice to Maxwell on how to handle his discomfort worked wonders. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Australia's physiotherapist Nick Jones' advice got a "dead man" stand on his feet and the result was an epic World Cup knock that will be talked about for a long time to come.

Suffering multiple body cramps, Glenn Maxwell was done and wanted to retire during the World Cup match against Afghanistan on Tuesday night.

But Jones knew that the "best bet" for Maxwell was to just stand, minimise his running and keep going for his shots. And it worked. For both Maxwell and Australia.

Jones, who has treated Maxwell for severe cramping, advised against leaving the field because the all-rounder's conditions would have only worsened in the dressing room.

Jones told Maxwell, "If we can keep you as upright as possible, you're going to be able to keep going from now". Maxwell had got Australia back on the reckoning, lifting the side from 91 for seven but when the side was still 55 runs away from the finish line, Jones had to be summoned again.

"If you stay on your feet and minimise your running, I think you can stay out here. I think that's your best bet," Jones advised.

AIFF asks its high profile secretary general — Shaji Prabhakaran — to quit

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Shaji Prabhakaran. FILE PHOTO

The All India Football Federation was hurled into crisis after its top-brass decided to remove its secretary general Shaji Prabhakaran citing breach of trust. The decision appeared to be the culmination of months of disagreement happening within the executive committee over several issues related to the sports finances and administration.

According to sources, the AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey took the decision of removing Prabhakaran after consulting the executive committee members late on Tuesday.

"The All India Football Federation hereby announces that the services of Dr. Shaji Prabhakaran have been terminated due to breach of trust with immediate effect as of November 7, 2023," the federation said in a brief release to the media. The decision is set to be ratified by the AIFF executive committee which will meet at Delhi on Thursday.

The AIFF deputy secretary, M. Satyanarayan, has been asked to take charge as acting secretary general till a replacement is decided on.

Arbitrary decisions

According to AIFF sources, Prabhakaran earned the displeasure of the president and executive committee members owing to some arbitrary decisions and actions.

Prabhakaran was one of the key associates of Chaubey, who swept to power in September 2022, replacing the committee led by Praful Patel, who ruled the federation for 13 years.

Under the leadership of Chaubey and Prabhakaran, the new regime took a number of decisions to reform the AIFF's functioning and announced a strategic roadmap named "Vision 2047" in January this year. The senior national men's team made it to the top-100 in the FIFA rankings for the first time since 2018 as the AIFF sought to achieve more targets under its "Vision" plan.

Recently the high profile secretary general faced a simmering discontentment within the executive committee and questions were raised regarding his high compensation and some financial decisions.

The misgivings reached such a pass that the AIFF president appointed a core committee apparently to oversee the activities of Prabhakaran in key areas of decision-making.

Prabhakaran's take

"AIFF's decision to terminate me comes as a shock. We were working as a team. Charging me for 'breach of trust' is a massive allegation. More on this later. I remain a servant of the beautiful game and thank you all who have supported me in my honest effort for Indian football," Prabhakaran later posted on X.

INBRIEF

Services claims National Games men's football title

Services defeated Manipur 3-1 and won the men's football title in the 37th National Games in Fatorda on Wednesday. Christopher Kamei, Soibam Abhinash Singh (own goal) and Rahul Ramakrishnan scored for Services while Phijam Sanathoi Meetei netted for Manipur. Odisha had defeated Manipur 5-3, via the tiebreaker, to win the women's title.

Bengaluru races for Nov. 11 postponed to Nov. 12

The Stewards of the Bangalore Turf Club have decided to postpone the third day of the Bengaluru winter meeting races, scheduled to run on Saturday (Nov. 11), to Sunday (Nov. 12).

Hyderabad races for Nov. 12 and 13 cancelled

The Stewards of the Hyderabad Race Club have resolved to cancel the second and third race days of Hyderabad Winter season, scheduled on Sunday (Nov. 12) & Monday (Nov. 13), due to lack of entries.

Casemiro unlikely to play before Christmas

Manchester United midfielder Casemiro is unlikely to play before Christmas after a hamstring injury. Manager Erik ten Hag said Casemiro had a "really strong injury".

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8.30 a.m.
Men's Cricket World Cup: Star Sports 1 & Hotstar, 2 p.m.

Surreal: Shakhtar kept its hopes of qualifying for the last 16 with the thrilling win over Barcelona. AFP

Shakhtar stuns Barcelona

Sikan finds the only goal in the game for the Ukrainian club; Pepe becomes the oldest goalscorer in the league; City and Leipzig advance

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Manchester City and RB Leipzig became the first teams to reach the last 16 of this season's Champions League on Tuesday while Danylo Sikan's goal allowed Shakhtar Donetsk to claim a stunning win over Barcelona.

Barcelona could have booked its last-16 ticket with a victory over Shakhtar but instead the Ukrainian club kept its own hopes alive with a famous 1-0 victory in Hamburg.

Pep Guardiola's reigning champion has eased into the knockout phase with a perfect record, a 3-0 win over Young Boys. Erling Haaland was the star for City with a brace against the Swiss side. Leipzig joined City in securing progress from Group G thanks to its 2-1 victory at Red Star Belgrade. Xavi Simons gave the German side an early lead with a lovely finish into the far corner, and Lois Openda made it 2-0 in the rain in Belgrade with his 10th goal this season.

Porto beat Royal Antwerp 2-0 in Portugal.

Paris Saint-Germain went down 2-1 to AC Milan away. Borussia Dortmund is on top of the group after beating Newcastle 2-0 in Germany, with Niclas Fullkrug and Julian Brandt scoring the goals.

Atletico Madrid tops Group E after crushing 10-man Celtic 6-0 in Spain to record its biggest win in the modern Champions League.

The results: Group E: Atletico Madrid 6 (Griezmann 6 & 60, Morata 45+2 & 76, Lino 66, Niguez 84) bt Celtic 0; Lazio 1 (Immobile 45+1) bt Feyenoord 0.

Group F: AC Milan 2 (Leao 12, Giroud 50) bt Paris Saint-Germain 1 (Skriniar 9); Borussia Dortmund 2 (Fullkrug 26, Brandt 79) bt Newcastle 0.

Group G: Red Star Belgrade 1 (Henrichs 81-og) lost to RB Leipzig 2 (Simons 8, Openda 77); Manchester City 3 (Haaland 23-pen & 51, Foden 45+1) bt Young Boys 0.

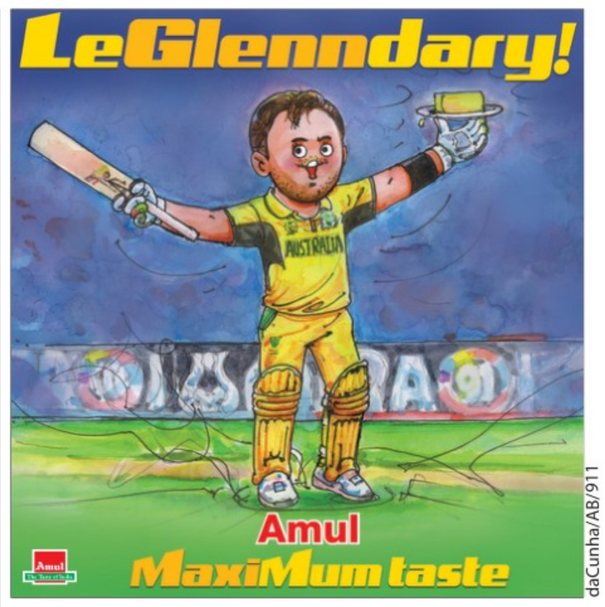
Group H: Porto 2 (Evanilson 32-pen, Pepe 90+1) bt Royal Antwerp 0; Shakhtar Donetsk 1 (Sikan 40) bt Barcelona 0.

India starts with a win over Britain in Rod Laver Cup

Sports Bureau

Manas Dhamne and Rushil Khosla won their singles and doubles matches as India won 4-2 over Britain in the first league match of the IC Rod Laver Junior Challenge Finals in San Diego, California.

The results (league): India bt Britain 4-2 (Manas Dhamne bt Joseph Mazingham 6-4, 6-0; Rushil Khosla bt Arthur Attrill 6-2, 6-1; Asmi Adkar lost to Brooke Black 2-6, 2-6; Sohini Mohanty bt Maria Ustic 6-4, 3-6, [10-7]; Rushil & Manas bt Joseph & Arthur 6-2, 6-3; Asmi & Sohini lost to Brooke & Maria 4-6, 4-6).



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Czech Republic wins in BJK Cup Finals opener

Agence France Presse
SEVILLE

Reigning champion Switzerland suffered a 3-0 defeat at the hands of Czech Republic in its opening match of the Billie Jean King Cup Finals after Australia also lost its opening group match 2-1 to Slovenia in Seville on Tuesday.

The results:
Group B: Slovenia 2 bt Australia 1 [Kaja Juvan bt Ajla Tomljanovic 6-4, 6-1; Tamara Zidansek bt Daria Saville 6-1, 6-4; Veronika Erjavec & Ela Milic lost to Kimberly Birrell & Storm Hunter 5-7, 7-6(2), 5-10.
Group A: Czech Republic 3 bt Switzerland 0 [Linda Noskova bt Celine Naef 7-6(2), 4-6, 6-4; Marie Bouzkova bt Viktorija Golubic 6-4, 6-4; Barbora Krejckova & Katerina Siniakova bt Viktorija Golubic & Jil Teichmann 7-6(3), 6-2.

Indian teams claim two bronze medals

ASIAN ARCHERY

Sports Bureau

The Indian recurve women's team and compound men's side claimed a bronze apiece in the Asian archery championships in Bangkok on Wednesday. In compound, Parneet Kaur and V. Jyothi Surekha set up an all Indian title clash. India also made it to the women's and mixed team finals. Abhishek Verma made it to the men's individual bronze medal contest.

The results:
Recurve: Men: Individual: B. Dhiraj bt Otgonbold Baatarkhuyag (Mgl) 7-3, lost to Tang Chih-Chun (Tpe) 3-7 in QF; Tarundeep Rai bt Mohammad Hakim Ahmed Rubel (Ban) 6-4, lost to Kim Je Deok (Kor) 0-6 in QF; **Team:** India bt Malaysia 5-1, lost to Kazakhstan 4-5 (28-27) in QF. **Women: Individual:** Bhajan Kaur lost to Lim Sihyeon (Kor) 0-6; Tisha Punia lost to Hai Ligan (Chn) 1-7; **Team:** India bt Kazakhstan 5-4 (25-24), bt Thailand 5-4 (27-21), lost to Korea 2-6 in SF, bt Chinese Taipei 5-1 in Bronze medal match.
Compound: Men: Individual: Prathamesh Fuge bt Sergey Khristich (Kaz) 146-144, lost to Abhishek Verma 147-148 in QF; Abhishek Verma bt Chen Chieh-Lun (Tpe) 145-145 (10*-10, shot closer to the centre), bt Fuge 148-147 in QF, lost to Andrey Tyutyun (Kaz) 146-148 in SF; Ojas Deotale lost to Tyutyun (Kaz) 147-149, Priyansh bt Armin Pakzad (Iri) 149-145, lost to Tyutyun 148-148 (10*-10).
Team: India bt Vietnam 236-230, lost to Kazakhstan 236-237 in SF, bt Chinese Taipei 235-235 (29-28) in Bronze medal match.
Women: Individual: Aditi Swami lost to Bonna Akter (Ban) 145-146; Muskan Kirar bt Wang Lu-Yun (Tpe) 147-136, lost to Parneet Kaur 142-146 in QF; Parneet bt Fatlin Nurfatehah (Mal) 143-141, bt Muskan 146-142 in QF, bt Victoriya Lyan (Kaz) 147-145 in SF; V. Jyothi Surekha bt Song Yun Soo (Kor) 148-144, bt Loh Tze Chieh Contessa (Sgp) 148-141, bt Huang I-Jou (Tpe) 148-145.
Team: India bt Hong Kong 233-221, bt Thailand 228-217 in SF; **Mixed team:** India bt Kazakhstan 157-155 in SF.

Bhawna and Kuldeep hog the limelight; Jithin, Gurleen, and Abhi also delight with record efforts

ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau
COIMBATORE

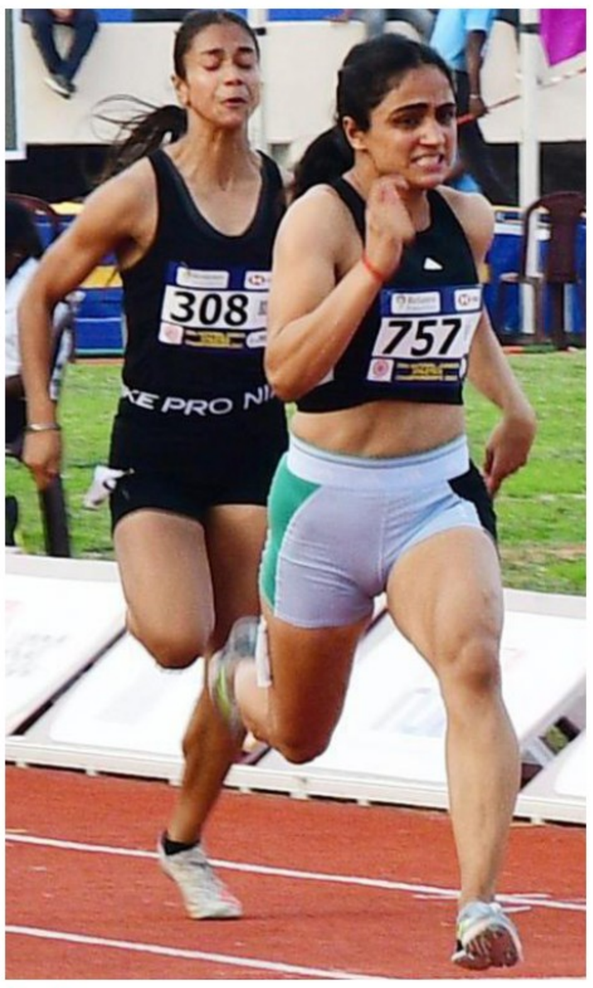
Haryana's Bhawna sprinted her way to glory in the under-20 women's 100m on day two of the 38th National junior athletics championship at the Nehru Stadium here on Wednesday.

Bhawna stopped the clock at 11.55s to shatter Dutee Chand's record of 11.63s set ten years ago.

Kuldeep Kumar (Uttar Pradesh) soared 5.17 metres for a new pole vault record in the men's under-20 section.

But it was R.C. Jithin of Tamil Nadu who started it all with a record leap of 7.35m to clinch the under-16 boys' long jump gold. Coached by his father R. Chandrasekar, the 16-year-old jumped the distance in his fifth attempt to erase the existing mark of 7.27m set by Pankaj Verma in Ranchi five years ago. He also broke the hexathlon record to complete a golden double.

Sachin and Abhinaya Rajarajan brought further joy to the host by emerging the fastest athletes in the boys' under-16 and girls' under-18 categories respectively. Punjab's Gurleen Kaur (U-18 women's shot put) and Delhi's Abhi Sirohi (U-14 boys 60m) were the other record-breakers of the day.



Speeding away: Haryana's Bhawna running to a new record in the under-20 women's 100m. S. SIVA SARAVANAN

The results (winners):
Boys: U-14: 60m: 1. Abhi Sirohi (Del) 7.21s (NR, Old: Deepak Toppo 7.30s, 2021).
U-16: 100m: Sachin (TN) 10.97; **5,000m walk:** Nitin Gupta (UP) 20:34.21; **long jump:** R.C. Jithin (TN) 7.35m (NR, Old: Pankaj Verma 7.27, 2018).
Discus: Nishchay (Har) 56.59m; **hexathlon:** 1. R.C. Jithin 4050 (NR, Old: J. Arjunan Guwa 3734, 2022).
U-18: 100m: Anshu Rajak (UP) 10.67s; **400m:** M. Sharan (TN) 48.18s; **long jump:** Mohd. Sazid (Har) 7.62m.
U-20: 400m: C.H. Rihan (Kar) 46.95; **10,000m walk:** Bilin George Anto (Ker) 42:45.25.
Hammer: Mohammad Shahban (UP) 69.55m; **pole vault:** Kuldeep Kumar (UP) 5.17m (NR, Old: Dev Meena 5.05, 2019).
Girls: U-14: 60m: Sneha Deka (Asm) 8.06s.
U-16: 100m: Vala Roshanba (Guj) 12.12s; 3,000m walk: Sarojani (UP) 14:34.77s; **Javelin:** Sabita Murmu (Jha) 40.37m.
Long jump: Nandini Santra (WB) 5.46m; **hexathlon:** Baddi Vyshali (Tel) 3051 pts.
U-18: 100m: Abhinaya Rajarajan (TN) 11.91s; **400m:** Tahura Khatun (WB) 55.66; **discus:** Ritik (Chd) 60.12m. **Shot put:** 1. Gurleen Kaur (Pjb) 16.75m (NR, Old: Vidhi 16.56, 2022).
U-20: 100m: Bhawna (Har) 11.55 (NR, Old: Dutee Chand 11.63, 2013); **high jump:** Payal Jamod (Guj) 1.71m. **10,000m walk:** Indu (Har) 49:40.30; **shot put:** Vidhi (UP) 15.36 (MR, Old: Kiran Baliyan 14.54, 2017).

Anirudh and Stevens duo in Metz quarterfinals

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Anirudh Chandrasekar and Bart Stevens beat Theo Arribage and Luca Sanchez 6-3, 6-4 in the doubles pre-quarterfinals of the €630,705 ATP tennis in Metz, France.

In the quarterfinals, the Indo-Dutch pair will play fourth seeds Sadio Doumbia and Fabien Reboul

Other results:
€630,705 ATP, Metz, France: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Constantin Frantzen & Hendrik Jebens (Ger) bt Yuki Bhambri & Victor Cornea (Rou) 6-3, 7-6(4).
€145,000 Challenger, Helsinki: Pre-quarterfinals: Sumit Nagal bt Jakub Mensik (Cze), 7-5, 6-2.
$80,000 Challenger, Matsuyama, Japan: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Purav Raja & Ramkumar Ramanathan bt Ivan Sabanov & Matej Sabanov (Srb) 6-4, 6-7(2), [11-9].
Shintaro Mochizuki & Sho Shimabukuro (Jpn) bt Niki Poonacha & Divij Sharan 7-6(5), 6-1.
$15,000 ITF men, Hua Hin, Thailand: First round: Zhang Tianhui (Chn) bt Rohan Mehra 7-5, 6-4.
Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: David Pichler (Aut) & Nitin Kumar Sinha bt Jiayang Dong (Auss) & Mattias Southcombe (GBR) 6-2, 4-6, [10-3].
$15,000 ITF women, Sharm El Sheikh: First round: Alisa Kummel bt Humera Baharmus 6-3, 6-1; Darja Suvirdjonkova (Srb) bt Ashmitha Easwaramurthi 6-4, 6-1.
Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Yasmin Ezzat (Egy) & Vlada Mincheva bt Ashmitha Easwaramurthi & Fan An Lin (Tpe) 2-6, 6-4, [10-5].
Humera Baharmus & Elizabeth Danailova (Bul) bt Annelin Bakker & Sarah van Ernst (Ned) 1-6, 6-4, [10-8].

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Karnataka rides on an all-round show to trump Kerala

BENGALURU: A five-wicket haul from Yashovardhan Parantap (5/52), and centuries from Macneil Hadley Noronha (103 n.o.) and Rohan A. Patil (120 n.o.) helped Karnataka thrash Kerala by 10 wickets in the BCCI Men's U-23 State-A one day trophy in Surat.

The scores: Kerala 240 in 49.5 overs (Abhishek J. Nair 85, Varun Nayanar 26, J. Ananthakrishnan 33, Shoun Roger 30, V. Abijith Praveen 25, Yashovardhan Parantap 5/52) lost to Karnataka 243 for no loss in 37.4 overs (Macneil Hadley Noronha 103 n.o., Rohan A. Patil 120 n.o.).

Manipal pips JNTU

Manipal University bt JNTU Ananthapuram 2-1 on Wednesday in the South Zone inter-university women's tennis tournament being held at the Jain University campus in Kanakapura.

The results: Annamalai bt RGUHS Bangalore 2-1; APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University bt TNPESU Chennai 2-0; Bharathidasan bt VIT Vellore 2-0; Bharathidasan bt University Kerala 2-0; JNTU Hyderabad bt APJ Abdul Kalam 2-0; KLEF Guntur bt VTU Belagavi 2-0; MG University Kottayam bt Bharathiar 2-1; Manonmaniam Sundaranar bt Bangalore City 2-1.

Young champs: Tanishka and Tamoghna with their big prize.
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Tamoghna and Tanishka triumph

M. Tamoghna and Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav emerged the boys and girls under-13 singles champions respectively at the 25th M.S. Ramaiah Memorial State-ranking tournament here on Wednesday.

The results: U-13: Boys: M. Tamoghna bt Reyansh Jalan 15-13, 11-7, 6-11, 11-8.
Girls: Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav bt Annette Mariana 11-1, 11-9, 11-6.

Palash 'tricks as MFAR Students Union FC swamps Bangalore Dream United FC

Palash Barber scored a hat-trick as MFAR Students Union FC blanked Bangalore Dream United FC 6-0 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Wednesday.

The results: FC Deccan 0 drew with ASC & Center FC 0; MFAR Students Union FC 6 (Palash Barber 32, 50, 59, Ruting Ahir Rao 34, Nakshatra Jain 55, Pratik Swami 82) bt Bangalore Dream United FC 0.

Facile wins for Ascho HC and Coorg Direwolves

Ascho HC defeated Gameon HC 5-1 in the KSHA-BHA C-division hockey league here on Wednesday. Also on the day, Coorg Direwolves beat Beasant HC 4-2.

Young Orions in the semifinals

Gautham (23 pts) and Pratyanshu (20) starred for Young Orions as it beat Southern Blues 79-43 in the men's quarterfinals of the State Association Cup basketball tournament here on Wednesday.

The results (quarterfinals):
Men: Young Orions 79 (Gautham 23, Pratyanshu 20) bt Southern Blues 43 (Denzil 12, Benji 10); Bank of Baroda 72 (Nagaraj 13, Anil 10) bt KSP 41 (Abhishek 21).
Women: Beagles 54 (Sanjana 21, Chandana 10) bt KS Hegde 36; SWR 57 (Anusha 16, Sobana 14) bt CJC 24; DYES Mysore 76 (Tejashwini 15, Preethi 14) bt Rajmahal BC 72 (Aishwarya 22, Aadya 16).

Can Mourinho work his magic for Roma?

EUROPA LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Roma may once again be relying on Jose Mourinho to lead it on a long European run in order to save its season. Mourinho is into his third campaign in charge in the Italian capital and has already led Roma to victory in the inaugural Europa Conference League and then to a Europa League final. Yet in Serie A the side continues to lag behind, having finished sixth in each of the Portuguese coach's two campaigns so far.

Handed a kind draw in Europe, Roma has a 100 per cent record so far. The side now travels to the Czech capital to face Slavia again on Thursday, knowing a win will secure its place in the knockouts.

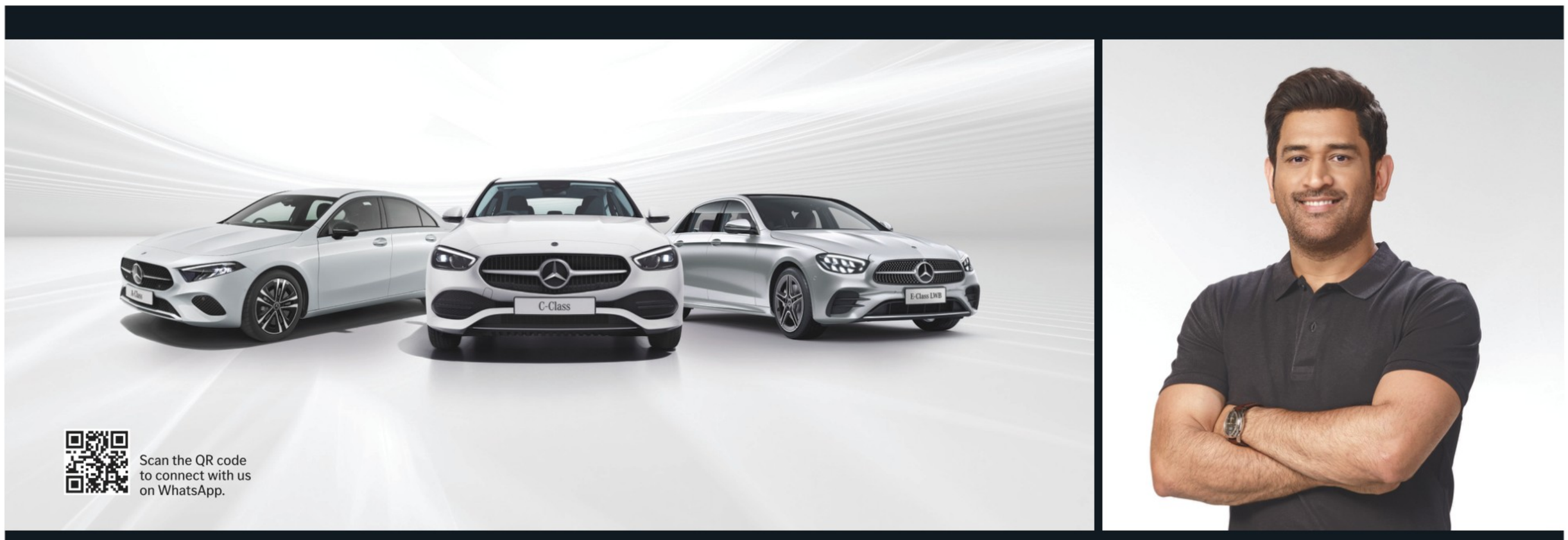
Roma is not the only team which can clinch a place in the knockout phase this week – Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool will advance if it can make it four wins out of four in Group E when it visits Toulouse. Bayer Leverkusen also has maximum points and so could wrap up a berth in the knockout stages with a win over Qarabag in Azerbaijan.

Woods to co-own and play for Jupiter Links

Agence France Presse
MIAMI

Tiger Woods will serve as a co-owner and player for Jupiter Links Golf Club, the sixth and last team in the inaugural season of the Tech Golf League (TGL), which he helped develop.

Other teams in the league will include Atlanta Drive, Boston Common, New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles Golf Club.



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